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FROM JACKSON (157-11017)

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) MARCH FROM GRENADA, MISS., TO JACKSON, MISS., 6/9-16/69. RM

HOSEA WILLIAMS, NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF SECOND CHAPTER, POOR PEOPLES CAMPAIGN ARRIVED IN LEXINGTON, MISS., AROUND SEVEN FIFTEEN P.M. JUNE FOURTEEN LAST TO LEAD SCLC ACTIVITY. APPROPRIATE LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES ADVISED.

[redacted]

ADVISED THERE HAVE BEEN NO MARCHES THROUGHOUT THE DAY IN LEXINGTON. [redacted] MET WITH R. B. COTTENREADER, ROLAND BETTS, AND CHARLES JEFFERSON, N/M'S, LEADERS OF SCLC. THEY WERE FURNISHED THE CITY OF LEXINGTON CITY ORDINANCE REGARDING RESTRICTIONS ON MARCHES WITHIN THE CITY. THEY MUST MARCH TWO ABREAST ON SIDEWALKS WITHOUT BLOCKING STREETS OR DISRUPTING TRAFFIC ETC. BETTS REQUESTED TO READ ORDINANCE. THEY READ ORDINANCE IN PRESENCE OF CITY MAYOR, CHIEF OF POLICE AND SHERIFF MOORE. ANY VIOLATIONS WILL RESULT IN

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ARRESTS. SCLC HAD PREVIOUSLY MARCHED IN STREETS BLOCKING TRAFFIC.

MHSP OFFICIALS IN LEXINGTON WITH SIXTY UNITS IN HOLMES COUNTY AREA. THERE HAVE BEEN NO INCIDENTS THROUGHOUT DAY, AND NO PRESS COVERAGE.

HOSEA WILLIAMS, LEAD MARCH AND RALLY JUNE FOURTEEN, LAST COMMENCING SEVEN FORTYFIVE P.M. APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED PARTICIPANTS MARCHED FROM EPWORTH METHODIST CHURCH TO HOLMES COUNTY COURTHOUSE WITHOUT INCIDENT. RALLY BEGAN EIGHT FIFTEEN P.M. WITH SONG AND PRAYER. WILLIAMS SPOKE FROM EIGHT THIRTY P.M. TO NINE TWENTYFIVE P.M. ADVOCATING THAT LOCAL BLACK PEOPLE SHOULD ENTER LOCAL POLITICS; THAT THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH BLACK PEOPLE LIKE STOKLEY CARMICHAEL; WHITES ARE TRYING TO STARVE BLACKS; THAT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROWS FOOD INTO THE OCEAN WHILE BLACKS STARVE; THAT THEY (SCLC) WILL MARCH ON THE REDSTONE ARSENAL, HUNTSVILLE, ALA., CAPE KENNEDY, AND WASHINGTON, D. C. MARCHERS RETURNED TO CHURCH APPROXIMATELY NINE THIRTY P.M. WHERE THEY RECIEVED WORD THAT THEY WOULD BE HOUSED IN LOCAL, HOLMES COUNTY, HOMES. INSTRUCTION WHERE FOR MARCHERS TO MEET AT EPWORTH METHODIST CHURCH AT EIGHT A.M. JUNE FIFTEEN INSTANT FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTION. AT TWELVE

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MIDNIGHT HOSEA WILLIAMS WAS OBSERVED DRIVING SOUTH ON ROUTE SEVENTEEN FROM LEXINGTON IN A NINETEEN SIXTY-NINE CHEVROLET, WITH NINETEEN SIXTY-NINE MISS. LIC. TWO FIVE C THREE THREE NINE FOUR ZERO RENTED FROM AVIS RENT-A-CAR JACKSON, MISS.

LOCAL STATE AND FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS PRESENT DURING RALLY AND MARCH WITH NO INCIDENTS OCCURRING AND NO ARREST MADE.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE JN TEL JUNE THIRTEEN LAST CAPTIONED ABOVE AND JN TEL JUNE FOURTEEN LAST CAPTIONED "GEORGE M. BAREFOOT, LEROY BROOKS, R. B. COTTENREADER, ARNOLD CALVIN HAYES - VICTIM, CR" THIS MATTER BEING CLOSELY FOLLOWED.

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RM

Re Jackson tel 6/9/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM with one copy each to Atlanta and Birmingham. Copies disseminated to USA, Oxford; USA, Jackson; Secret Service, Jackson; MIGp; and OSI.

Jackson will continue to follow march.

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) MARCH FROM GRENADA, MISSISSIPPI TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 9 - 16, 1969

R. B. Cottonreader, Project Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Grenada, Mississippi, held a rally at the Bell Flower Church in Grenada, Mississippi, where approximately seventy-two people had assembled. At 12:20 PM, Cottonreader began the march from Grenada, Miss., to Jackson, with seventy-two marchers, all Negroes. There were eight adults and the remainder were teenage male and female youths. The group was followed by a Carson Rental Truck, Memphis, Tennessee, containing supplies. The Grenada Police Department furnished security to the city limits. For the remainder of the day, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol units spot-checked the marchers.

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) MARCH FROM GRENADA, MISSISSIPPI TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 9 - 16, 1969

One Negro female youth fainted from heat exhaustion and after first-aid treatment, she and several other young female Negroes dropped from the group. At 3:10 PM, twenty-seven of the marchers got on the rental truck and were driven to Winona, approximately twenty-five miles south of Grenada. At that time there were still thirty-nine persons continuing to march south on U. S. Highway 51.

The rental truck returned later to pick up the remainder of the marchers and they were driven to Winona.

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[redacted] advised there have been no incidents in connection with the march. There have been no spectators and no television or press coverage. He said the day has been very uneventful for the marchers, although many of the marchers complained of "sore feet and heat exhaustion under the hot Mississippi sun".

Cottonreader had emphasized before the march that the purpose of the march was not to focus discontent on the State of Mississippi, but rather to focus attention on the poverty programs of the Federal Government that are not satisfactory. The march will continue at 9:00 AM, June 10, 1969, from Winona, Mississippi, to Vaiden, Mississippi, via U. S. Highway 51.

Local officials, Military Intelligence, Office of Special Investigations (OSI), and Secret Service are aware of developments.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) MARCH FROM GRENADA, MISS., TO JACKSON, MISS., SIX NINE DASH SIXTEEN SIXTYNINE. RACIAL MATTER

AT FOUR FIFTEEN A.M. JUNE FIFTEEN, YELLOW SCHOOL BUS, SIXTYNINE GA. LICENSE FOUR SEVEN ONE, SACRED HEART SCHOOL ON EACH SIDE ARRIVED LEXINGTON, MISS., WITH APPROXIMATELY THIRTY-FIVE NEGRO TEENAGE STUDENTS. [redacted] ADVISED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY LEXINGTON NEGRO POLICEMAN AND NEGRO DEPUTY SHERIFF THAT THEY BOTH HAVE BEEN THREATENED BY POOR PEOPLE'S MARCHERS AND BY UNKNOWN TELEPHONE CALLER THAT THEIR HOMES WOULD BE BURNED. STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS NOTIFIED. [redacted] ADVISED JUNE FIFTEEN, THAT HE HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY LOCAL HOLMES COUNTY

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NEGROES, INCLUDING ROBERT G. CLARK, FIRST NEGRO STATE REPRESENTATIVE SINCE RECONSTRUCTION, REGARDING PRESENCE OF POOR PEOPLE'S MARCHERS IN LEXINGTON, MISS. THESE NEGROES ADVISED THAT ALTHOUGH THEY ARE IN FAVOR OF CIVIL RIGHTS WORK THEY RESENT THE ACTION AND ACTIVITIES OF THESE MARCHERS.

[redacted] THAT SCLC WORKERS HAD MADE AN ALL OUT EFFORT TO BE ARRESTED AT LEXINGTON ON JUNE THIRTEEN AND FOURTEEN. THEIR MOTIVE WAS TO HAVE AN INCIDENT TO CREATE CONFRONTATION WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT IN EFFORT TO STAY IN LEXINGTON FOR EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME. SCLC b7D METHODS HAVE NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL TO DATE SINCE NO ARRESTS OR SERIOUS INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED IN LEXINGTON OR SINCE MARCH BEGAN.

[redacted] OTHER RESPONSIBLE NEGRO CITIZENS OF LEXINGTON MET EVENING JUNE FIFTEEN AND GROUP DECIDED THEY WOULD CALL UPON ALL NEGRO CITIZENS NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN FURTHER MARCHES.

SCLC LEADERS HELD MEETING TONIGHT WITH MARCHERS AND LOCAL PEOPLE ATTENDING TOTALING APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED AT EPWORTH METHODIST CHURCH, LEXINGTON. MEETING COMMENCED EIGHT FORTY FIVE P.M.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 6-16-69

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is sponsoring a march from Grenada to Jackson, Mississippi in an effort to focus attention on dissatisfaction with the poverty programs of the Federal Government.

Attached relates that marchers remain in Lexington, Mississippi and there have been no arrests. However, 2 Negro law enforcement officers have been threatened by marchers. Marchers scheduled to depart June 16, 1969, for Canton, Mississippi.

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FOR INFORMATION OF ATLANTA, WACHTEL AND LEVISON DURING THEIR CONTACT DISCUSSED VINCE (HARDING). WACHTEL STATED THAT DORA (MC DONALD) HAD INDICATED THAT VINCE HAS MANY WEAKNESSES IN TERMS OF EMOTIONAL BACKGROUND. (S)

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LEVISON SAID HE DID NOT KNOW THIS AND WACHTEL COMMENTED "I REPEAT IT ONLY OUT OF SHEER REFLECTION THAT HE HAD A HOMOSEXUAL BACKGROUND".

LEVISON SAID HE ALWAYS ASSUMED HE WAS JUST FROM HIS MANNER AND APPEARANCE IN SPITE OF THE FACT HE IS MARRIED.

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Date June 13, 1969

Attached pertains to a discussion by Stanley Levison and Harry Wachtel, both with communist backgrounds, concerning the Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Center. They feel the Federal Government should sponsor the Center so there will be an element of recognition. They want to move the issue into an arena of struggle and they discussed additions to a letter that King's widow is sending to President Nixon dated today about the Center in order to sharpen the issue of recognition. (S)

In view of the urgency of the information, since the letter is being sent to the White House today, dissemination is being made by teletype to the White House and a copy is being furnished to the Attorney General. (S)

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TO DIRECTOR (100-438794) AND JACKSON

FROM LOUISVILLE (157-90)

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SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN PAST, ON JUNE TWELVE, SIXTY NINE, ADVISED HOSEA WILLIAMS OF SCLC SPOKE TO ABOUT ONE HUNDRED PERSONS AT RALLY OF KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (KCLC), KY. AFFILIATE OF SCLC, AT THE CLUB LOU-VILLIAN, WEST END NIGHT CLUB, LOUISVILLE, KY., NIGHT OF JUNE ELEVEN, SIXTYNINE. DURING TALK WILLIAMS COMMENTED RE SECOND CHAPTER OF POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN CURRENTLY MARCHING IN MISSISSIPPI AND WILL MARCH ON STATE CAPITOL AND HOPING TO HAVE THREE TO FOUR THOUSAND PARTICIPATING; AFTER LEAVING CAPITOL, WILL MARCH ON PLANTATION OF SENATOR JAMES EASTLAND OF MISS.; AFTER MISS., WILL MARCH ACROSS ALABAMA, INCLUDING MARCH ON STATE CAPITOL AND THE REDSTONE ARSENAL IN HUNTSVILLE. ALSO MENTIONED WILL MARCH IN SOUTH CAROLINA, MENTIONING THE FARM OF SENATOR STROM THURMOND. ALSO MENTIONED PLANNING TO DEMONSTRATE AT CAPE KENNEDY WHEN MOON SHOT OCCURS.

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Jack Rowan, Adm. Asst. to Sen. Thurmond advised 6-13-69 DeLoach

Sen. Eastland advised 6-13-69 by DeLoach

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JUNE TWELVE, SIXTYNINE, LOUISVILLE NEWS ARTICLE REPORTING RE PRESS INTERVIEW WITH WILLIAMS WHILE IN LOUISVILLE REPORTED WILLIAMS SAID SCLC HAD AN ALL-NIGHT MEETING JUNE TEN - ELEVEN, SIXTYNINE, IN VIEW OF NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING THE HOSPITAL DISPUTE IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, HAVING BROKEN DOWN, DECIDED TO CREATE A "RESURRECTION CITY, USA," IN CHARLESTON, AND TO COMMIT ALL SCLC RESOURCES TO A SERIES OF NON-VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS THERE; THAT REVEREND ABERNATHY OF SCLC WILL ANNOUNCE PLANS REGARDING THIS DRIVE LATER THIS WEEK. FURTHER, WILLIAMS SAID HE INTENDS TO LEAD A "LAND-GRAB, PLANT-IN", AT SENATOR EASTLAND'S PLANTATION ON JUNE SEVENTEEN, SIXTYNINE, CLAIMING SENATOR EASTLAND RECEIVED ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CROP SUPPORT PAYMENTS LAST YEAR AND THEREFORE "...HUNGRY PEOPLE OF THIS NATION SHOULD BE ABLE TO INHABIT IT AND RAISE CROPS ON IT."

NO INCIDENT OCCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH ABOVE APPEARANCE OF WILLIAMS IN LOUISVILLE.

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REFERENCED SOURCE ALSO ADVISED HE DEVELOPED NO INFORMATION INDICATING SECOND CHAPTER OF POOR PEOPLES CAMPAIGN MARCH WILL INCLUDE

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MARCHING IN KENTUCKY. UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY THE BUREAU

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Date 6/12/69

Attached pertains to a speech by Hosea Williams of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, during which he discussed the second phase of the Poor People's Campaign which is presently being conducted in the form of a march in several southern states. Williams intends to lead a "land-grab, plant-in" at the plantation of Senator James Eastland of Mississippi, on 6/17/69, and also mentioned marching to the farm of Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina. A march to the Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, and a demonstration at Cape Kennedy when the moon shot occurs, was also discussed.

Appropriate authorities are being advised. If you approve, Crime Records Division will advise Senators Thurmond and Eastland.

Copy of attached furnished Inter-Division Information Unit of Department. The National Aeronautic and Space Administration is also being advised. Pertiment portions of attached will be included in a teletype summary to White House and other interested agencies.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM JACKSON (157-11017) 7P

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) MARCH FROM GRENADA, MISS., TO JACKSON, MISS., JUNE NINE - SIXTEEN, SIXTYNINE. RM. RACIAL MATTER

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A POOR PEOPLE'S HUNGER RALLY WAS HELD AT THE DURANT BAPTIST CHURCH, A NEGRO CHURCH LOCATED IN THE SMALL COMMUNITY OF DURANT, MISS. THE RALLY BEGAN AT NINE P.M., JUNE TWELVE, LAST, WITH APPROXIMATELY ONE-HUNDRED FORTY PERSONS, ALL NEGRO, IN ATTENDANCE. R.B. COTTONREADER, NEGRO MALE, PROJECT DIRECTOR, SCLC, SPOKE BEFORE THE GROUP AND TALKED ABOUT THE POVERTY THAT EXISTS AMONG THE NEGROES IN THE U.S., ESPECIALLY IN MISS. AND THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH. THE ONLY OTHER SPEAKER WAS DUB RUBINS, NEGRO MALE, WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A SCLC WORKER FROM MEMPHIS, TENN., AND HE SPOKE ABOUT FORTYFIVE

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MINUTES ON NUMEROUS TOPICS RANGING FROM THE EVILS OF BIRTH CONTROL TO THE FACT "THERE IS NO SANTA CLAUS FOR THE NEGRO."

AT ELEVEN P.M. THE RALLY TERMINATED AND COTTONREADER LED ONE HUNDRED FORTYSIX MARCHERS TO THE CITY HALL OF DURANT WHERE A PRAYER WAS HELD, COTTONREADER MADE BRIEF REMARKS, AND THEN AT ELEVEN THIRTY COTTONREADER RETURNED THE MARCHERS TO THE CHURCH AND THE GROUP DISPERSED.

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[redacted] ADVISED, THERE HAVE BEEN NO INCIDENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SCLC GROUP IN DURANT.

FATHER JAMES E. GROPPI, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, ARRIVED IN DURANT AT THREE THIRTY P.M. JUNE TWELVE, SPOKE BRIEFLY WITH R. B. COTTONREADER. GROPPI WAS NOT OBSERVED IN DURANT DURING THE EVENING OF JUNE TWELVE.

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[redacted] ADVISED A SPECIAL AGENT OF THE

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FBI ON THE EVENING OF JUNE TWELVE THAT FATHER GROPPI APPEARED [redacted] ON JUNE TWELVE AND STATED HE HAD JUST ARRIVED IN MISS. FROM MILWAUKEE TO OBSERVE THE SCLC HUNGER MARCH. 67D [redacted] ADVISED [redacted] THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY ONLY SPEND ABOUT A DAY OR TWO IN MISS. BEFORE RETURNING TO MILWAUKEE.

ON JUNE THIRTEEN, A SPECIAL AGENT OF THE FBI WAS INTRODUCED TO FATHER GROPPI BY FATHER NATHANIEL MACHESKY AT ST. FRANCIS MISSION, GREENWOOD, MISS. FATHER GROPPI MENTIONED, "HE WAS JUST TRAVELING THROUGH MISS. TO GET AWAY FROM IT ALL." HE SAID HE WAS RETURNING TO MILWAUKEE JUNE FOURTEEN, NEXT.

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[redacted] SCLC MARCHERS WILL HOLD AN ALL-DAY RALLY IN CANTON, MISS., ON SATURDAY, JUNE FOURTEEN. THE SOURCES STATE THE MARCHERS ARE

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SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN CANTON ON THAT DATE AND HOPE TO RECRUIT HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE TO MARCH ON INTO JACKSON. THE MARCHERS WOULD CAMP ON THE CATHOLIC CHURCH SCHOOL GROUNDS IN CANTON. SOURCES STATE THAT CANTON IS PREDOMINATELY NEGRO, BUT THERE IS MUCH CONCERN AMONG THE WHITE POPULATION OVER THE FACT NEGRO MARCHERS WILL BE SPENDING THE DAY IN CANTON HOLDING A RALLY IN THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE. SOURCES STATED THAT MANY WHITE PEOPLE ARE STILL UPSET THAT JAMES MEREDITH AND THE LATE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO USE THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE AS A RALLY PLACE DURING PREVIOUS MARCHES IN MISS.

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[redacted] THERE HAVE BEEN NO OTHER MEETINGS OR DISCUSSIONS IN JACKSON REGARDING SCLC'S PLANS TO SEND POOR NEGROES TO THE PLANTATION OF U. S. SENATOR JAMES O. EASTLAND, LOCATED SUNFLOWER, MISS., ON JUNE SIXTEEN - SEVENTEEN

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TO SET UP A "LAND GRAB PLANT-IN." SCLC OFFICIALS INTEND TO SPOTLIGHT THE FACT THAT EASTLAND RECEIVES ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CROP SUPPORT PAYMENTS YEARLY, BUT DOES NOT FARM THIS LAND WHERE THE UNDERPRIVILEGED NEGROES COULD MAKE A LIVING OFF THIS LAND. SOURCE STATED COTTONREADER HAS NOT MENTIONED SENATOR EASTLAND'S PLANTATION IN RALLIES ALONG THE MARCH ROUTE. ANY DECISION WILL PROBABLY BE MADE ON THE SIXTEENTH OR SEVENTEENTH AT JACKSON AT MEETINGS WHICH THE SOURCE WILL ATTEND. APPROPRIATE LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

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[redacted] SAID STATE OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED OVER THE FACT THAT A MEDGAR EVERS MEMORIAL MARCH IS BEING HELD IN JACKSON, MISS., ON JUNE FIFTEEN WITH EXPECTED FIVE HUNDRED PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE. HE IS CONCERNED SCLC MAY ATTEMPT TO PROVOKE AN INCIDENT DURING THIS MARCH TO CREATE AN INTEREST IN SCLC ACTIVITIES. MEDGAR EVERS, NAACP, LEADER, WAS SHOT AND KILLED IN AN AMBUSH SLAYING JUNE, SIXTYTHREE. HE IS THE BROTHER OF CHARLES EVERS, NATIONALLY KNOWN NAACP LEADER, WHO WILL LEAD THE MEMORIAL MARCH ON JUNE FIFTEEN. THE NAACP IS HOLDING NATIONAL CONVENTION IN JACKSON JUNE THIRTY - JULY FIVE AND OFFICIALS DESIRE NO INCIDENT WHICH WOULD BRING DAILY DEMONSTRATIONS DURING SUMMER OR POSSIBLE RIOTS.

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[redacted] MENTIONED ABOVE, STATED THAT PERSONS CONNECTED WITH THE EVERS MEMORIAL MARCH ON JUNE FIFTEEN HAVE NO INTENTION OF PARTICIPATING IN THE SCLC ACTIVITY.

AS OF TWELVE NOON JUNE THIRTTEN THE SCLC MARCH WAS STILL

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IN DURANT AND HAD NOT GOTTEN UNDER WAY.

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REJNTEL JUNE TWELVE, LAST.

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AM TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, AND MILWAUKEE. MILWAUKEE ADVISED BY PHONE. JACKSON HAS SEVERAL INFORMANTS HANDLING THIS MATTER AND THIS OFFICE IS KEEPING APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS ADVISED.

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Jackson will continue to follow march.

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Appropriate local authorities have been advised.

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R. B. Cottonreader, Project Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), held a rally at the Bethlehem Church, Winona, Mississippi, on June 9, 1969. The rally began at 8:30 PM and ended around 10:00 PM. There were approximately 200 people in attendance, [redacted] and he estimated that approximately 150 of those in attendance were Negro female and male youths. Cottonreader was assisted by Herman O'Neal, Negro male, SCLC staff worker from Memphis, Tennessee, and Arnold Hays, Negro male, SCLC staff worker from Atlanta, Georgia. Cottonreader called for additional marchers, and assignments were made for workers to canvass different communities in the Delta area of Mississippi, for contributions for money, food, clothing, etc. [redacted] said there were no incidents at the rally.

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At 9:40 AM, June 10, SCLC march began, and was led by Cottonreader, O'Neal and Hays. They departed the Bethlehem Church with eighty Negroes and one white female. The female was identified as Shara Lynn Pfeffer, age twenty-one, SCLC staff worker from California. Seventy-five percent of the marchers were teenagers. As the march began to leave Winona, a rain storm hit Winona, delaying the marchers for a few minutes. A majority of small children and females boarded a truck and trailed the marchers, riding in the truck. Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol units spot-checked the marchers. At noon the truck transported all marchers to Vaiden for lunch, and at 1:30 PM, the march resumed from Vaiden, and headed south on U. S. Highway 51. The marchers took turns riding the truck and marching. The march ended at 4:50 PM, at West, Mississippi, where the group will spend the night. The group has covered forty-one miles in the past two days by truck and foot.

There have been no spectators, no television or press coverage during the march. There have been no incidents. The marchers will continue their one hundred mile march to Jackson, on June 11, 1969, from West, Mississippi.

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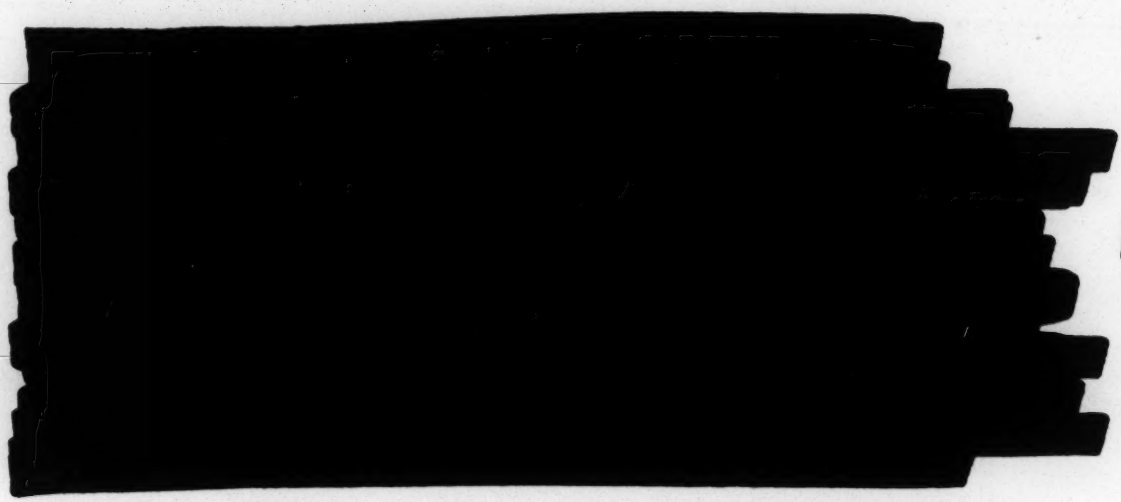

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A "Poor People's Hunger Rally" was held at the Durant Baptist Church, a Negro church located in the small community of Durant, Mississippi. The rally began at 9:00 P.M., June 12, 1969, with approximately 140 persons, all Negro, in attendance. R. B. Cottonreader, Negro male, Project Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), spoke before the group and talked about the poverty that exists among the Negroes in the United States, especially in Mississippi, and throughout the south. The only other speaker was Dub Rubins, Negro male, who identified himself as an SCLC worker from Memphis, Tennessee, and he spoke about forty-five minutes on numerous topics ranging from the evils of birth control to the fact "there is no Santa Claus for the Negro".

At 11:00 P.M., the rally terminated and Cottonreader led 146 marchers to the City Hall of Durant, where a prayer was held. Cottonreader made brief remarks, and then at 11:30 Cottonreader returned the marchers to the church and the group dispersed.

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[redacted] advised there have been no incidents in connection with the SCLC group in Durant.

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Father James E. Groppi, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, arrived in Durant at 3:30 P.M., June 12, 1969, spoke briefly with R. B. Cottonreader. Groppie was not observed in Durant during the evening of June 12, 1969.

[redacted] advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the evening of June 12, 1969, that Father Groppi appeared [redacted] on June 12, 1969, and stated he had just arrived in Mississippi, from Milwaukee to observe the SCLC Hunger March. [redacted] and Groppi advised [redacted] that he would probably only spend about a day or two in Mississippi, before returning to Milwaukee.

On June 13, 1969, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was introduced to Father Groppi by Nathaniel Machesky at St. Francis Mission, Greenwood, Mississippi. Father Groppi mentioned, "he was just traveling through Mississippi, to get away from it all". He said he was returning to Milwaukee, June 14, 1969.

[redacted] that SCLC marchers will hold an all-day rally in Canton, Mississippi, on Saturday, June 14, 1969. The sources state the marchers are scheduled to arrive in Canton on that date and hope to recruit hundreds of people to March on into Jackson. The marchers would camp on the Catholic Church school grounds in Canton. Sources state that Canton is predominately Negro, but there is much concern among the white population over the fact Negro marchers will be spending the day in Canton holding a rally in the courthouse square. Sources stated that many white people are still

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upset that James Meredith and the late Doctor Martin Luther King had been allowed to use the courthouse square as a rally place during previous marches in Mississippi.

[redacted] b1 that there have been no other meetings or discussions in Jackson regarding SCLC's plans to send poor Negroes to the plantation of U. S. Senator James O. Eastland, located Sunflower, Mississippi, on June 16-17, 1969, to set up a "land grab plant-in". SCLC officials intend to spotlight the fact that Eastland receives $117,000 in crop support payments yearly, but does not farm this land where the underprivileged Negroes could make a living off this land. Source stated Cottonreader has not mentioned Senator Eastland's plantation in rallies along the march route. Any decision will probably be made on the sixteenth or seventeenth at Jackson at meetings which the source will attend. Appropriate local, state, and Federal authorities have been advised of all developments.

[redacted] b7D said state officials are concerned over the fact that a Medgar Evers memorial march is being held in Jackson, Mississippi, on June 14, 1969, with expected 500 persons to participate. He is concerned SCLC may attempt

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to provoke an incident during this march to create an interest in SCLC activities. Medgar Evers, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) leader, was shot and killed in an ambush slaying, June, 1963. He is the brother of Charles Evers, nationally known NAACP leader, who will lead the memorial march on June 15, 1969. The NAACP is holding its national convention in Jackson June 30 - July 5, 1969, and officials desire no incident which would bring daily demonstrations during the summer or possible riots.

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[redacted] stated that persons connected with the Evers Memorial March on June 15, 1969, have no intention of participating in the SCLC activity.

As of 12:00 Noon, June 13, 1969, the SCLC march was still in Durant and had not gotten under way.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 6-14-69

SUMMARY

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is conducting a march from Grenada to Jackson, Mississippi, to focus attention on the poverty programs of the Federal Government which they consider unsatisfactory.

Attached indicates rally held in Durant, Mississippi, on 6-12-69 attended by 140 Negroes. Marchers plan to hold rally in Canton, which was scene of racial violence in 1966, on 6-14-69. White people in Canton reportedly are concerned over possibility of racial violence. Demonstrators are still considering a march to Senator James O. Eastland's plantation. SEN. EASTLAND HAS BEEN ADVISED.

Data subsequently received indicates some 85 marchers travelled to Lexington, Mississippi, on 6-13-69 where some 20 made harrassing type demands of welfare representative and orally abused 2 Negro police officials. Marchers plan to continue on to Canton. No arrests were made.

Copies sent to Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department and pertinent portions will be included in teletype summary to White House and other interested agencies.

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) MARCH FROM GRENADA, MISS., TO JACKSON, MISS., JUNE NINE - SIXTEEN, SIXTYNINE. RM.

RACIAL MATTER

THE POOR PEOPLE'S MARCH SPENT NIGHT OF JUNE ELEVEN AT DURANT, MISS., IN LOCAL NEGROES' HOMES. AT APPROXIMATELY TEN P.M. JUNE ELEVEN, LAST, A GROUP OF SOME TWO HUNDRED NEGROES COMPRISED OF MARCHERS AND LOCAL NEGROES DEMONSTRATED AT HOLMES COUNTY HOSPITAL, DISTRICT TWO, REGARDING LACK OF MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR SIX NEGRO CHILDREN MARCHERS WHO ALLEGEDLY HAD SOME SKIN DISORDER. DOCTOR ADVISED GROUP HE WOULD TREAT THE CHILDREN AT TEN A.M. JUNE TWELVE. THE GROUP WAS LED BY R.B. COTTONREADER, NEGRO MALE, PROJECT DIRECTOR, SCLC. GROUP DISPERSED AND NO INCIDENTS OR ARRESTS occurred.

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[redacted] ADVISED CHILDREN DID NOT APPEAR FOR TREATMENT AT TEN A.M. JUNE TWELVE, BUT WERE TREATED AT APPROXIMATELY THREE P.M. JUNE TWELVE. AFTER FOUR CHILDREN WERE TREATED, DOCTOR WAS TOLD HIS BILL WOULD NOT BE HONORED AND PHYSICIAN DID NOT TREAT

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USDJ REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM MILLER, ATLANTA, GA., ARRIVED ON SCENE AND ADVISED THAT DOCTOR'S BILL WOULD "WORK ITSELF OUT." DOCTOR TREATED ALL SIX CHILDREN FOR MINOR SKIN DISORDER.

AT THREE THIRTY P.M. JUNE TWELVE, FATHER JAMES E. GROPPI, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, ARRIVED AT CHURCH IN DURANT OCCUPIED BY NEGRO MARCHERS. GROPPI MET WITH MARCH LEADER R.B. COTTONREADER AND GROPPI SAID HE WOULD ATTEND RALLY DURING EVENING OF JUNE TWELVE TO BE HELD AT LOCAL NEGRO CHURCH, DURANT. [redacted] b7c b7D

MARCHERS HAVE MADE NO APPARENT PREPARATIONS TO DEPART AND ARE EXPECTED TO REMAIN AT DURANT, MISS. NIGHT OF JUNE TWELVE. THE MARCH LED BY COTTONREADER HAD PREVIOUSLY ARRIVED IN DURANT AT TWO THIRTY P.M. JUNE ELEVEN.

THERE HAS BEEN NO PRESS COVERAGE OF THE MARCHERS IN DURANT.

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MILWAUKEE ADVISE JACKSON CURRENT STATUS OF GROPPI AND IF ESTABLISHED SOURCES HAVE CURRENT KNOWLEDGE OF HIS PLANS WHILE IN MISS.

JACKSON CLOSELY FOLLOWING THIS MATTER AND WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 6/12/69

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is conducting a march to focus attention on the poverty programs of the Federal Government which they consider unsatisfactory.

Attached relates that the marchers spent the night of 6/11/69 in Durant, Mississippi, and that six Negro children were treated there for skin disorders.

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FROM MILWAUKEE

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), MARCH FROM GRANADA, MISSISSIPPI, TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE NINE TO SIXTEEN SIXTY NINE, RM.

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RE JACKSON TEL JUNE TWELVE LAST.

CONTACTS WITH MILWAUKEE SOURCES TODAY REVEALED NO INFO RE FATHER GROPPI'S ACTIVITIES IN MISS. [redacted] b7D

[redacted] ALSO ADVISED NO INFO RE GROPPI'S ACTIVITIES [redacted]

PRETEXT CALL TO FATHER DISMAS BECKER, ST. BONIFACE PARISH, REVEALED FATHER GROPPI IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO MILWAUKEE ON JUNE FOURTEEN NEXT. P.

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THE POOR PEOPLE'S MARCH DEPARTED NEGRO CHURCH DURANT, MISS., AT TWO FIFTEEN PM, AND A TOTAL OF EIGHTY FIVE MARCHERS, EIGHTY PERCENT OF WHICH ARE JUVENILE, MARCHED OR TRAVELED TO LEXINGTON, MISS., A TOTAL OF TWELVE MILES. THEY TRAVELED TO THE HOLMES CO., WELFARE DEPARTMENT AT LEXINGTON, MISS. AT THIS TIME, THE GROUP APPEARED TO BE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF N/M, ROLAND BETTS, SCLC WORKER OF ATLANTA, GA., DRIVING A SIXTYNINE GREEN CHRYSLER THREE HUNDRED, SIXTYNINE GEORGIA LICENSE ONE J SEVEN FOUR ONE SEVEN EIGHT.

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R. B. COTTONREADER APPEARED TO BE SECOND IN COMMAND.

AT THE HOLMES CO. WELFARE DEPARTMENT, LEXINGTON, A GROUP OF TWENTY MARCHERS LED BY REV. L.C. COLEMAN, ENTERED THE BUILDING AND IN AN EPISODE OBSERVED BY TWO FBI AGENTS, CONFRONTED [redacted] HOLMES CO. WELFARE AGENT, WITH A SERIES OF INAPPROPRIATE, RUDE, EMBARRASSING, AND HARASSING TYPE DEMANDS. [redacted] CALMLY AND POLITELY ANSWERED EACH AND EVERY REQUEST MADE OF COLEMAN AND HIS FOLLOWERS. AFTER DEMANDS OF COLEMAN WERE ANSWERED, THE GROUP SAT DOWN IN THE LOBBY AND LOUNGE AREA OF THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT, WITH THE INTENTION OF REMAINING. THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT ROUTINELY CLOSES FOR BUSINESS AT FOUR THIRTY PM. AT FOUR FORTY PM THE HOLMES CO. SHERIFF INSTRUCTED THE MARCHERS TO LEAVE THE BUILDING, AND THE GROUP DID SO, THINKING THEY WERE THEN UNDER ARREST. THE GROUP MOVED IN AN ORDERLY FASHION

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TO THE AUTOMOBILES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO ADVISED THE GROUP THAT THEY WERE NOT UNDER ARREST. AT FOUR FORTY FIVE PM THE GROUP BEGAN SINGING, CHANTING, AND MARCHING AROUND THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT, WHICH WAS THEN LOCKED SINCE ITS BUSINESS WAS CLOSED. THE GROUP OF TWENTY THEN APPEARED BEFORE A NEGRO DEPUTY SHERIFF AND A NEGRO CITY POLICEMAN, WHO WERE ROUTINELY OBSERVING THE MARCHERS. THESE TWO NEGRO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WERE ORALLY ABUSED WITH DEROGATORY SLANDEROUS AND VICIOUS REMARKS AIMED AT THEIR POSITIONS AS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. NEITHER OFFICER MOVED OR SAID ANYTHING AND THE TWENTY DEMONSTRATORS THEN JOINED THE OTHER SIXTYFIVE AND MARCHED VIA HIGHWAY TWELVE TO THE CITY OF LEXINGTON, MISS.

THE MARCHERS CIRCLED THE TOWN SQUARE AT LEXINGTON ONCE AND MARCHED TO THE VICINITY OF THE LEXINGTON FREEDOM DEMOCRATIC PARTY HEADQUARTERS, TWO ONE ZERO YAZOO STREET, WHERE THEY MILLED.

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[redacted] ADVISED THE SAME TWO FBI AGENTS THAT DURING THE MARCH FROM THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO LEXINGTON, WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF LEXINGTON, R.B. COTTONREADER AND ARNOLD HAYES WERE ALLEGEDLY STRUCK BY A MOTOR VEHICLE. [redacted] b7D ADVISED THAT BOTH HAD BEEN INJURED, BUT COULD PROVIDE NO DETAILS AS TO THE EXTENT OF THE ALLEGED INJURIES. [redacted] ADVISED LICENSE NUMBER IS REGISTERED TO A PICKUP TRUCK AT HOUSTON, MISS., WHICH IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED MILES FROM LEXINGTON.

LEXINGTON CITY OFFICIALS INVESTIGATED THE ACCIDENT IN ADDITION TO THE BREAKING OF A WINDSHIELD OF A PICKUP TRUCK ALLEGEDLY OCCURRING ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS THE ALLEGED PERSONAL INJURY ACCIDENT.

NO ARRESTS OF ANY MARCHERS ANYWHERE HAVE BEEN MADE OR ARE CONTEMPLATED.

TENTATIVE PLANS INDICATE THAT MARCHERS WILL TRAVEL TO CANTON, MISS. b7D

[redacted] ADVISED FBI OFFICE JACKSON, HE RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM SCLC OFFICE ATLANTA, GA., ADVISING HIM

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THAT EIGHTEEN PERSONS HAD BEEN ILLEGALLY ARRESTED AT LEXINGTON WELFARE OFFICE AND SCLC DESIRED NEWS MEDIA TO SEND REPORTERS TO COVER STORY. [redacted] LATER ADVISED THAT HE RECEIVED ADDITIONAL b7D PHONE CALL FROM JAMES UPSHAW, PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER SCLC, STATING THAT PREVIOUS REPORT FURNISHED TO NEWS MEDIA WAS PREMATURE AND NO ONE ARRESTED. UPSHAW DESIRED NEWS COVERAGE ON SCENE OF MARCH.

AT TEN THIRTY PM THIS DATE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY MARCHED TO COURT HOUSE SQUARE AT LEXINGTON WITHOUT INCIDENT. WARREN BOOKER, LEXINGTON MINISTER AND SCHOOL TEACHER AND UNSUCCESSFUL MAYORAL CANDIDATE JUNE THREE, LAST, ANNOUNCED TO THE GROUP THAT AT THREE PM SIX FOURTEEN SIXTYNINE, A MEETING WOULD BE HELD AT LEXINGTON COURT HOUSE SQUARE AND THAT THE SPEAKERS WOULD INCLUDE THE REV. ABERNATHY AND HOSEA WILLIAMS. LEXINGTON IS A SMALL COMMUNITY WITH POPULATION OF FOUR THOUSAND, SEVENTY PERCENT OF WHICH ARE NEGROES. THE MARCHERS ARE STILL SIXTY MILES NORTH OF JACKSON, THE STATE CAPITOL.

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ON JUNE TWENTYONE, LAST, AT THREE THIRTY PM, APPROXIMATELY FIFTY NEGROES RIDING IN TWO RYDER RENTAL TRUCKS AND THREE PRIVATE AUTOS DEPARTED FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CENTERVILLE, ALA., ENROUTE TO SELMA, ALA. THE GROUP ARRIVED AT SCLC HEADQUARTERS, SELMA, ALABAMA AT FOUR THIRTY PM.

[redacted] ADVISED HE CONTACTED [redacted] NEGRO DOCTOR, SELMA, WHO STATED HE WAS TREATING SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS FOR FOOD POISONING. HE ALSO ADVISED THAT THE LEADER OF THE GROUP, TOMMY HAMMOND, OF SCLC, ADVISED THAT THE GROUP WOULD RETURN TO CENTERVILLE WHEN TREATMENT WAS COMPLETED.

AT ELEVEN THIRTY PM, JUNE TWENTYONE LAST, [redacted] ADVISED GROUP WOULD LEAVE SELMA AS SOON AS TORNADO ALERTS WERE LIFTED FOR SELMA AND CENTERVILLE AREAS.

AT TWO AM, JUNE TWENTYTWO INSTANT, [redacted] ADVISED GROUP WOULD SPEND REST OF NIGHT IN SELMA DUE TO LATENESS OF THE HOUR AND WOULD DEPART FOR CENTERVILLE LATER IN THE AM, INSTANT DATE.

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R. B. Cottonreader, Project Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), held a rally at the small community of West, Mississippi, on the evening of June 10, 1969, with approximately 200 persons in attendance. There were no incidents in connection with the rally and Cottonreader repeated his request for marchers and funds to continue the SCLC march to the state capitol at Jackson, Mississippi.

At 7:30 a.m. June 11, 1969, 43 marchers departed West, Mississippi, south on U. S. Highway 51, led by Cottonreader. The group was made up entirely of Negro males. A truck hauling supplies followed later with approximately 30 women and children.

The march arrived at Durant, Mississippi, around 2:30 p.m. with the marchers totaling 76 persons. The march was completed at this time with the group covering nine miles by foot and truck. There were no incidents throughout the day with the exception that one Negro female, Patricia Durr, age 16, who has been with the group since Grenada, Mississippi, became ill after suffering an asthamatic attack and was taken to a hospital at Durant for treatment. Cottonreader announced that they would spend the night in Durant and will depart Durant around 8:00 a.m. June 12, 1969, en route to Goodman, Mississippi, via U. S. Highway 51.

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RACIAL MATTER

[redacted] MEETING CONDUCTED EIGHT TO TEN P.M. JUNE FIFTEEN, LAST, AT CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH (NEGRO), JACKSON, MISS., BY HERMAN O'NEIL, N/M, AND RICHARD WOODS, N/M, BOTH SCLC ORGANIZERS FROM MEMPHIS, TENN. MEETING CALLED TO ORGANIZE PREPARATIONS FOR SCLC MARCHERS ANTICIPATED ARRIVAL AT JACKSON, MISS., WEEKEND OF JUNE TWENTY - TWENTYTWO, NEXT. NINETEEN PERSONS ATTENDED MEETING.

NEGRO MALE

O'NEIL SAID SCLC MARCHERS WILL LEAVE LEXINGTON, MISS., JUNE SIXTEEN, INSTANT, AND TAKE ABOUT FIVE DAYS TO REACH JACKSON, HOWEVER, ROUTE NOT KNOWN AT PRESENT; INDICATED SCLC CONTACTING NEGRO LEADERS IN YAZOO CITY, MISS., TODAY TO DETERMINE IF SCLC ASSISTANCE DESIRED IN BACKING LOCALLY INITIATED NEGRO BOYCOTT OF WHITE MERCHANTS. IF ASSISTANCE DESIRED, SCLC MARCHERS AT LEXINGTON COULD MOVE SOUTHWEST TO YAZOO CITY WHICH IS A SMALL TOWN ABOUT FORTY MILES NORTH OF JACKSON.

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O'NEIL SAID LARGE SCLC RALLY BEING PLANNED IN JACKSON, MISS., FOR FORTHCOMING WEEKEND AFTER MARCHERS ARRIVE; ANTICIPATES THAT CORETTA KING, HOSEA WILLIAMS, JESSIE JACKSON, JAMES BEVEL, AND OTHER TOP SCLC LEADERS WILL ATTEND RALLY.

O'NEIL SET UP COMMITTIES AT MEETING FOR HOUSING, FOOD, TRANSPORTATION, FINANCES, PUBLIC RELATIONS, AND PUBLICITY TO PLAN FOR SCLC MARCHERS AND LEADERS ARRIVAL AT JACKSON ON FORTHCOMING WEEKEND; ANNOUNCED FOLLOW-UP PLANNING MEETING TO BE HELD AT JACKSON EIGHT P.M. JUNE SEVENTEEN, AND JUNE NINETEEN, NEXT.

O'NEIL EMPHATICALLY STATED HE DID NOT DESIRE TO BE QUOTED, HOWEVER, RUMORED SCLC "PLANT-IN" AT U. S. SENATOR JAMES O. EASTLAND'S PLANTATION IN MISS. DELTA WOULD IN NO MANNER OCCUR UNLESS SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS REGARD RECEIVED FROM DR. RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT, SCLC.

U. S. SENATOR JAMES O. EASTLAND CONTACTED SAC ROY K. MOORE NINE TEN A.M. JUNE SIXTEEN, AND HE IS PREPARING TO LEAVE HIS PLANTATION THIS DATE EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON, D. C. SENATOR EASTLAND WAS BRIEFED ON THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE MARCH AND INFORMATION REGARDING HIS PLANTATION.

AS OF TWELVE NOON JUNE SIXTEEN, SIXTYNINE, SCLC POOR PEOPLE'S

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HUNGER MARCH WAS STILL IN LEXINGTON, HOWEVER, PREPARATIONS ARE BEING MADE TO DEPART LEXINGTON THIS DATE.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 6/16/69

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is conducting a march from Grenada to Jackson, Mississippi, to focus attention on the poverty programs of the Federal Government which they consider unsatisfactory.

Attached indicates that a meeting was held in Jackson, Mississippi, on 6/15/69 to make preparations for the marchers' anticipated arrival at Jackson the weekend of 6/20-22/69. The marchers plan to leave Lexington, Mississippi, on 6/16/69 and take five days to reach Jackson, where they plan to conduct a large rally. Attached also indicates that Ralph D. Abernathy, President of SCLC, would have to make the decision concerning a "plant in" at the plantation of U. S. Senator James O. Eastland. Senator Eastland, who had been previously advised by this Bureau concerning a possible demonstration at his plantation, contacted Special Agent in Charge in Jackson and was briefed on the present status of the march and information regarding the possible demonstration at his plantation.

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URGENT 6/17/69 VFP

TO DIRECTOR (100-438794), ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM

FROM MOBILE (157-3166)

PROPOSED MARCH BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, JUNE SEVENTEEN DASH TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYNINE.

RACIAL MATTER

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ON JUNE SIX TEEN, SIXTYNINE, [redacted] REPORTED THAT ON

THAT DATE DON "JOEY" WILLIAMS, SCLC STAFF WORKER, HAD ADVISED THAT MARCH WOULD BE CONDUCTED FROM MOBILE TO MONTGOMERY, ALA., BEGINNING TWO PM JUNE SEVENTEEN, SIXTYNINE AND ARRIVING IN MONTGOMERY, ALA., JUNE TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYNINE WITH STOPS IN VARIOUS TOWNS ENROUTE. HE LISTED OVER NIGHT STOPS IN CHATOM

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JACKSON, BUTLER, LINDEN, CAMDEN AND HAYNEVILLE BEFORE ARRIVAL MONTGOMERY WHERE ACTIVITY WOULD CONCLUDE WITH MARCH ON ALA. STATE CAPITOL. WILLIAMS CLAIMED THAT ONE HUNDRED TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTY MARCHERS WOULD PARTICIPATE FROM MOBILE WITH GROUP TO INCREASE TO THREE THOUSAND BY ARRIVAL AT MONTGOMERY.

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ON AFTERNOON OF JUNE SEVENTEEN SIXTYNINE OBSERVATION AT

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MOST PURE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL, REPORTED POINTED OF ORIGIN, REFLECTED NO ACTIVITY.

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[redacted] ADVISED JUNE SEVENTEEN, SIXTYNINE THAT AFTER TWO PM THIS DATE HE HAD TALKED TO JOEY WILLIAMS AND TO CHARLES JACKSON, ALSO REPORTED AS SCLC REPRESENTATIVE AND THEY TOLD HIM THE MARCH HAD BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL THURSDAY JUNE NINETEEN NEXT TWO PM TO BEGIN AT MOST PURE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL. HE STATED JACKSON CAME TO MOBILE LAST NIGHT WITH BEN CLARKE, ANOTHER SCLC REPRESENTATIVE AND A CLOSED STRATEGY MEETING WOULD BE HELD TONIGHT. BROOKS STATED THAT IN VIEW OF THE LACK OF PARTICIPATION IN THIS ACTIVITY BY LOCAL ORGAINIZATION, NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZED WORKERS, IT IS SUSPECTED THAT THE MARCH MAY NOT TAKE PLACE FROM MOBILE.

LOCAL MILITARY INTELLIGENCE COGNIZANT.

ADMINISTRATIVE;

REFERENCE

RE MOBILE AIRTEL TO BUREAU WITH LHM, MEMO JUNE THIRTEEN SIXTYNINE.

THIS MATTER WILL BE FOLLOWED ON JUNE NINETEEN SIXTYNINE AND THE BUREAU WILL BE INFORMED BY TELETYPE. NO LHM WILL

BE SUBMITTED UNLESS THE MARCH ACTUALLY DOES OCCUR.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-90) (P)

RE: REPORTED SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, (SCLC)
ACTIVITY
RACIAL MATTERS

REMYTEL dated 6/12/69, no copy for Norfolk, Richmond, or Savannah.

Copies of referenced teletype are enclosed for Norfolk, Richmond, and Savannah.

In addition to the information re reported activity of SCLC set forth in referenced teletype, the Louisville Times, daily Louisville evening newspaper, on 6/12/69, reported that HOSEA WILLIAMS, while in Louisville on 6/11/69, had said that SCLC plans to march also on the state capitol of Georgia and South Carolina. Also, that marches will be made to the farms of Senator RICHARD RUSSELL of Georgia, and Senator HARRY BYRD, JR., of Virginia. The purpose of the marches to the farms is to dramatize the plight of the poor.

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The newspaper article did not reflect that WILLIAMS stated any dates when the various marches will occur.

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One copy of LHM forwarded USA, Jackson, USA, Oxford, Secret Service, Jackson, OSI, Jackson; two copies forwarded MIGp, Jackson.

This matter is being closely followed.

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) MARCH FROM GRENADA, MISSISSIPPI, TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 9 - 16, 1969

Hosea Williams, National Director of the Second Chapter, Poor People's Campaign, arrived in Lexington, Mississippi, around 7:15 p.m. June 14, 1969, to lead SCLC activity.

Appropriate local, state and Federal authorities were advised.

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[redacted] advised there have been no marches throughout the day in Lexington. [redacted] met with R. B. Cottonreader, Roland Betts, and Charles Jefferson, Negro males, leaders of SCLC. They were furnished the City of Lexington city ordinance regarding restrictions on marches within the city. They must march two abreast on sidewalks without blocking streets or disrupting traffic, et cetera. Betts requested to read the ordinance. They read the ordinance in the presence of the City Mayor, Chief of Police, and Sheriff Moore. Any violations will result in arrests. SCLC had previously marched in streets blocking traffic.

SOURCE OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION 11155.

Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP) officials were in Lexington with 60 units in the Holmes County area. There have been no incidents throughout the day and no press coverage.

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) MARCH FROM GRENADA, MISSISSIPPI, TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 9 - 16, 1969

Hosea Williams led a march and rally June 14, 1969, commencing at 7:45 p.m. Approximately 200 participants marched from the Epworth Methodist Church to the Holmes County Courthouse without incident. A rally began at 8:15 p.m. with a song and prayer. Williams spoke from 8:30 p.m. to 9:25 p.m. advocating that local black people should enter local politics; that there are not enough black people like Stokley Carmichael; whites are trying to starve blacks; that the Federal Government throws food into the ocean while blacks starve; that they (SCLC) will march on the Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama, Cape Kennedy, and Washington, D. C. The marchers returned to the church at approximately 9:30 p.m. where they received word that they would be housed in local Holmes County homes. The marchers were instructed to meet at the Epworth Methodist Church at 8:00 a.m. June 15, 1969, for further instructions.

At 12:00 midnight Hosea Williams was observed driving south on Route 17 from Lexington in a 1969 Chevrolet, with 1969 Mississippi license 25C33940 rented from Avis Rent-A-Car, Jackson, Mississippi.

Local, state and Federal law enforcement officers were present during the rally and the march and no incidents occurred and no arrests were made.

At 4:15 a.m. June 15, 1969, a yellow school bus, 1969 Georgia license 471, with Sacred Heart School on each side, arrived at Lexington, Mississippi, with approximately 35 Negro teenage students. [redacted]

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advised that they have been contacted by a Lexington Negro Policeman and a Negro Deputy Sheriff and both stated that they have been threatened by the Poor People's marchers and by an unknown telephone caller that their homes would be burned. State law enforcement officials were notified.

[redacted] advised June 15, 1969, that he has been contacted by local Holmes County Negroes, including Robert G. Clark, first Negro State Representative since reconstruction, regarding the presence of the Poor People's marchers in Lexington, Mississippi. These Negroes advised that although they are in favor of the civil rights work, they resent the action and activities of these marchers.

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[redacted] advised [redacted] that the SCLC workers had made an all out effort to be arrested at Lexington on June 13 and 14, 1969. Their motive was to have in incident to create confrontation with local law enforcement officials in an effort to stay in Lexington for an extended period of time. SCLC methods have not been successful to date since no arrests or serious incidents have occurred in Lexington or since the march began. [redacted] and other responsible Negro citizens of Lexington met on the evening of June 15, 1969, and the group decided they would call upon all the Negro citizens not to participate in further marches.

SCLC leaders held a meeting the night of June 15, 1969, with marchers and local people attending, totaling approximately 300, at Epworth Methodist Church, Lexington. The meeting commenced at 8:45 p.m. and ended at 10:30 p.m. Those in attendance dispersed without any incidents. The marchers are to be housed in local homes. The marchers are expected to depart Lexington, Mississippi June 16, 1969, in the morning for Canton, Mississippi, and are expecting to arrive in Jackson, Mississippi, on June 17, 1969.

Local, state, Office of Special Investigations, and Military Intelligence officials are cognizant of the above.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-438794)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-115) 2P

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ACTIVITY, JUNE SEVENTEEN DASH EIGHTEEN, SIXTYNINE. RM.

FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM [redacted] JUNE EIGHTEEN INSTANT:

ON AFTERNOON OF JUNE SEVENTEEN LAST, APPROXIMATELY TWELVE INDIVIDUALS, RANGING IN AGE FROM EIGHT TO SIXTEEN, DEPARTED ANNISTON, ALABAMA, IN RENTED RYDER COVERED TRUCK. THEY ARRIVED AT PELL CITY, ALABAMA, ABOUT TWO HOURS LATER AND PARTICIPATED IN SCLC-SPONSORED MASS MEETING AT LOCAL PELL CITY NEGRO CHURCH, WHERE ABOUT ONE HUNDRED TO ONE HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE PEOPLE WERE PRESENT. AS FAR AS COULD BE DETERMINED, NO RECRUITS WERE OBTAINED BY SCLC AT PELL CITY AND NO AUTOMOBILES OR TRUCKS WERE OBTAINED THERE TO USE AT "SO-CALLED MARCH" TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. ON JUNE EIGHTEEN INSTANT, THE RYDER TRUCK WITH ABOVE-MENTIONED GROUP

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PROCEEDED TO BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, AND STOPPED AT NEW PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH, WHERE THEY WERE TO BE FED. SCLC PLANS PUBLIC MEETING AT THIS CHURCH NIGHT OF JUNE EIGHTEEN INSTANT. PRESENT PLANS ARE TO PROCEED FROM BIRMINGHAM TO ALABASTER, ALABAMA, JUNE NINETEEN NEXT AND SPEND THE NIGHT THERE.

NO INCIDENTS OR VIOLENCE OF ANY KIND.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE JUNE SEVENTEEN, SIXTYNINE.

LOCAL AND STATE AUTHORTIES, AS WELL AS LOCAL MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES COGNIZANT OF ABOVE. LHM FOLLOW. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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ReWFOairtel and LHM, 6/8/69, containing information re SCLC moving their Washington, D.C. office.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies, for Atlanta 2 copies and for Alexandria and Baltimore one copy each of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

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Enclosed LHM has been disseminated locally by WFO to AUSA, WDC; U.S. Secret Service, and interested military intelligence agencies.

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The Agents handling observations at Lexington were [redacted] b7c

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) MARCH FROM GRENADA, MISSISSIPPI, TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 9 - 16, 1969

The Poor People's march departed the Negro church in Durant, Mississippi, at 2:15 p.m. and a total of 85 marchers, 80 percent of which are juvenile, marched or traveled to Lexington, Mississippi, a total of 12 miles. They traveled to the Holmes County Welfare Department at Lexington, Mississippi. At this time, the group appeared to be under the leadership of Negro male Roland Betts, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) worker of Atlanta, Georgia, driving a 1969 green Chrysler 300, 1969 Georgia license 1J74178.

R. B. Cottonreader appeared to be second in command.

At the Holmes County Welfare Department, Lexington, a group of 20 marchers led by Reverend L. C. Coleman entered the building and in an episode observed by two FBI Agents, confronted [redacted] Holmes County Welfare Agent, with a series of inappropriate, rude, embarrassing, and harassing type demands. [redacted] calmly and politely answered each and every request made of Coleman and his followers. After the demands of Coleman were answered, the group sat down in the lobby and lounge area of the Welfare Department with the intention of remaining. The Welfare Department routinely closes for business at 4:30 p.m. At 4:40 p.m. the Holmes County Sheriff instructed the marchers to leave the building, and the group did so, thinking they were then under arrest. The group moved in an orderly fashion to the automobiles of the law

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enforcement officers who advised the group that they were not under arrest. At 4:45 p.m. the group began singing, chanting, and marching around the Welfare Department, which was then locked since its business was closed. The group of 20 then appeared before a Negro Deputy Sheriff and a Negro City Policeman, who were routinely observing the marchers. The two Negro law enforcement officers were orally abused with derogatory slanderous and vicious remarks aimed at their positions as law enforcement officers. Neither officer moved or said anything and the 20 demonstrators then joined the other 65 and marched via Highway 12 to the City of Lexington, Mississippi.

The marchers circled the town square at Lexington once and marched to the vicinity of the Lexington Freedom Democratic Party Headquarters, 210 Yazoo Street, where they milled.

[redacted] advised the same two FBI Agents that during the march from the Welfare Department to Lexington, within the City Limits of Lexington, R. B. Cottonreader and Arnold Hayes were allegedly struck by a motor vehicle. [redacted] advised that both of them had been injured, but could provide no details as to the extent of the alleged injuries. [redacted] advised that the license number is registered to a pickup truck at Houston, Mississippi, which is located approximately 200 miles from Lexington. b7D

Lexington city officials investigated the accident in addition to the breaking of a windshield of a pickup truck allegedly occurring about the same time as the alleged personal injury accident.

No arrests of any marchers anywhere have been made or are contemplated.

Tentative plans indicate that marchers will travel to Canton, Mississippi.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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[redacted] advised the FBI Office, Jackson, he received a telephone call from the SCLC Office in Atlanta, Georgia, advising him that 18 persons had been illegally arrested at the Lexington Welfare Office and SCLC desired news media to send reporters to cover the story. [redacted] later advised that he received additional telephone call from James Upshaw, Public Relations Officer, SCLC, stating that the previous report furnished to the news media was premature and no one was arrested. Upshaw desired news coverage on the scene of the march. b7D

At 10:30 p.m. June 13, 1969, 150 Negroes marched to the courthouse square at Lexington without incident. Warren Booker, Lexington minister and school teacher, and unsuccessful mayoral candidate June 3, 1969, announced to the group that at 3:00 p.m. June 14, 1969, a meeting would be held at the Lexington courthouse square and that the speakers would include the Reverend Abernathy and Hosea Williams. Lexington is a small community with a population of 4,000, 70 percent of which are Negroes. The marchers are still 60 miles north of Jackson, the State Capitol.

Appropriate local, state and Federal authorities have been advised.

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) MARCH FROM GRENADA, MISSISSIPPI, TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 9 - 16, 1969

The Poor People's Hunger March, led by R. B. Cottonreader, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Project Director, departed Lexington, Mississippi, at 12:40 p.m. June 16, 1969, with approximately 87 Negroes in a car and bus caravan. The group traveled to Goodman, Mississippi, a small community located in Holmes County. Upon arrival in Goodman, the group, consisting of 87 persons, marched on foot from the City Limits of Goodman to the downtown area. They then departed by car and bus and traveled via U. S. Highway 51 to Jackson, Mississippi, arriving in Jackson at about 5:22 p.m. June 16, 1969.

The caravan traveled to the Central Methodist Church (Negro), 500 North Farish Street, Jackson, and approximately 55 Negroes dismounted and entered the church. Central Methodist Church has been used as a meeting place recently for SCLC meetings.

[redacted] advised FBI Agents June 16, 1969, there will be a meeting the night of June 16, 1969 at the Central Methodist Church to determine the disposition of the SCLC marchers who arrived in Jackson June 16, since their arrival was not anticipated until at least the weekend of June 20 - 22, 1969. Attempts are being made to divide these individuals into groups of four persons each, which will then be transported to various areas of southern Mississippi, where they will attempt to get support

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for the demonstration at Jackson June 23, 1969. [redacted] advised he does not anticipate any demonstrations or marches in Jackson the evening of June 16 or until the forthcoming weekend. He advised the arrival of the above mentioned group at Jackson was completely unscheduled and has added confusion to the SCLC plans in Mississippi, at present. [redacted] advised that he will remain in Jackson for the next several days planning and coordinating SCLC preparations for the rally on the forthcoming weekend and possible march on the State Capitol, Jackson, June 23, 1969. b7D

[redacted] the planning by Richard Woods, Negro male, SCLC organizer from Memphis, and Roland Betts, Negro male, SCLC designated Mississippi State Mobilizer from Atlanta.

Appropriate local, state, Federal and Military authorities advised of developments.

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ACTIVITY AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,
JUNE 16, 1969
RM

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum are being furnished to Atlanta, Mobile and Jackson for information.

This letterhead memorandum has been disseminated locally to military intelligence agencies, U. S. Secret Service and the U. S. Attorney, Birmingham.

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1 - 157-115
1 - 157-804 (POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE)
1 - 157- JOE HAMMONDS
1 - 157- EDWARD W. GARDNER

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Birmingham, Alabama 35203
June 17, 1969

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REASON FCIM, II, 2
DATE OF DECLASSIFICATION 6-17-89

RE: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
ACTIVITY AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,
JUNE 16, 1969

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Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) held a mass meeting on the night of June 16, 1969, at a north Birmingham church. There were approximately 265 people present. Joe Hammonds, a staff worker for SCLC, presided over the meeting. Most of his remarks were concerning the proposed SCLC march from Anniston, Alabama, to Montgomery, Alabama. Hammonds indicated that the march was going to be confined to the State of Alabama, and they were not going to march to Washington, D. C., as they had previously planned. He said the march would start at Anniston on June 17, 1969, and pick up people at various communities along the way to join the marchers in Birmingham. Hammonds said that the march would leave Birmingham at approximately 9:00 AM, Thursday, June 19, 1969. He said they hoped to arrive in Montgomery, Alabama, the State Capital, and attempt to disturb the Legislature and occupy the seats of the legislators. He said that when they leave Montgomery they will go to some small town near Montgomery to hold a "land grab." He said they are doing the same thing about the land in Mississippi.

Hammonds mentioned a man by the name of (First Name Unknown) Thomas, not further identified, who was receiving $50,000 a year from the U. S. Department of Agriculture not to plant his land. He said the man in Mississippi is paid $80,000 a year not to plant food. Hammonds said that he and his workers are going to plant this man's land for him. Hammonds indicated that the

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ACTIVITY AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,
JUNE 16, 1969

people involved in the Alabama march would walk some on the highway, but would also ride in automobiles quite a bit.

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Birmingham, Alabama 35203
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Title SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, ACTIVITY AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, JUNE 16, 1969

Character RACIAL MATTER

Reference Letterhead memorandum dated June 17, 1969, at Birmingham, Alabama.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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FBI

Date: 6/18/69

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-115) (P)

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) ACTIVITY, 6/17-18/69
RM

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum are being furnished to Atlanta, Jackson and Mobile for information.

This letterhead memorandum has been disseminated locally to military intelligence agencies, U. S. Secret Service, and U. S. Attorney, Birmingham.

AGENCY: ACSI, OSI, SEC. SERV.,
[redacted]: ISD, CRD, RAO
HOW FORW: RLS
DATE FORW: 6-24-69
BY:

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1 - Atlanta (100-5718) (Enc. 1) (Info)
1 - Jackson (Enc. 1) (Info)
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In Reply, Please Refer to File No. 157-115

Birmingham, Alabama
June 18, 1969

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 10-6-80 BY SP4 JRB/ld

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RE: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) ACTIVITY, JUNE 17-18, 1969

The following information was obtained from [redacted] June 18, 1969: b7D

On the afternoon of June 17, 1969, approximately twelve individuals ranging in age from eight to sixteen departed Anniston, Alabama, in a rented Ryder covered truck. They arrived at Pell City, Alabama, about two hours later and participated in an SCLC-sponsored mass meeting at a local Pell City Negro church, where about 100 to 125 people were present.

As far as could be determined, no recruits were obtained by SCLC at Pell City, and no automobiles or trucks were obtained there to use for the "so-called march" to Montgomery, Alabama.

On June 18, 1969, the Ryder truck with the above-mentioned group proceeded to Birmingham, Alabama, and stopped at the New Pilgrim Baptist Church, where they were to be fed. SCLC planned to hold a public meeting at this church on the night of June 18, 1969.

Present SCLC plans were to proceed from Birmingham to Alabaster, Alabama, on June 19, 1969, and spend the night there.

No incidents or violence of any kind were observed.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-115) (P)

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
POOR PEOPLES' MARCH
JEFFERSON AND SHELBY COUNTIES, ALA.
6/19/69
RM

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum are being furnished to Atlanta, Mobile, and Jackson for information.

This letterhead memorandum has been disseminated locally to military intelligence agencies, U. S. Secret Service, and the U. S. Attorney, Birmingham.

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AGENCY: CRD, IRS, IIU, MPD, ACSI, OSI, SS
HOW FORW: Room 836

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1 - Atlanta (100-5718) (Info) (Enc. 1)
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1 - 157-804 (Possible Racial Violence)
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Birmingham, Alabama 35203
June 20, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-115

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE,
~~POOR PEOPLES'~~ MARCH
JEFFERSON AND SHELBY COUNTIES, ALABAMA
JUNE 19, 1969

FBI Agents observed the following on June 19, 1969: MEMBER- HLP

Approximately 65 Negroes under the leadership of Joe Hammonds, SCLC field worker, departed on foot from the New Pilgrim Baptist Church, Birmingham, at approximately 11 a.m., June 19, 1969, and walked on the Green Springs Highway for about three miles, then stopped in the shade of some trees for approximately two hours. After resting for this period, the group got into a rented Ryder covered truck and a bus belonging to New Pilgrim Baptist Church. They proceeded down Green Springs Highway where it joins U. S. Highway 31. The group drove on Highway 31, stopping once or twice in the shade, until they reached the outskirts of Alabaster at approximately 4:15 p.m. At this point, the group got out of the bus and truck, and marched into Alabaster.

On same date, [redacted] b7D advised the group would stay all night in large Negro school in Alabaster and leave the next morning for Centreville, Bibb County, Alabama, on their way to Montgomery, Alabama.

There were no incidents, and no violence occurred during this march.

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Re: Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Poor Peoples' March, Jefferson and Shelby Counties, Alabama, June 19, 1969

It should be noted that of the 65 marchers, the great majority were teen-agers or young adults. However, there were also some 12 or 15 Negroes possibly under the age of 12 and three of the marchers were carrying babies in their arms. When the marchers reached Alabaster, they were joined by approximately 100 local Alabaster and surrounding area Negroes, bringing the total to approximately 165. The entire group was fed in the Alabaster Elementary School by local Negro workers about 5:30 p.m.

Joe Hammonds, mentioned above, was in charge of a group meeting in the schoolhouse after the meal was over. The meeting actually started at approximately 9 p.m. and lasted until 11:30 p.m. The group slept in the schoolhouse during the night and there was no trouble or violence.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

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To: Director, FBI ATTENTION:

From: SAC, Savannah (157-1443)

Subject: RACIAL DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY SOUTHERN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA, MAY 31, 1969

- ☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
- (C) GENERAL INVEST. DIV.
- ☒ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

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AGENCY: CRD, IIU, CD, ACSI, OSI

NEW YORK: JUN 24 1969 Room 838

DATE FORM: 6-19-69

BY: 1 & D

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ACTION: UACB: ST-117

☒ No further action being taken and

☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA Savannah, Ga.

☐ LHM being submitted

☐ Report being submitted

☐ Preliminary investigation instituted ☒ JUN 23 1969

☐ Limited investigation instituted

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Savannah, Georgia
June 19, 1969

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RACIAL DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA, MAY 31, 1969

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On May 30, 1969, [redacted] Swainsboro, Georgia, advised he had received information from a reliable source that Hosea Williams was meeting with a group of local Negroes in Swainsboro, Georgia, on the morning of May 31, 1969, to plan a march protesting the method of integrating schools in Emanuel County, Georgia. [redacted] source also advised that Ralph Abernathy was to be in Swainsboro, Georgia, on June 1, 1969, for the same purpose.

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[redacted] stated plans have been approved for total integration of Emanuel County schools beginning August, 1969. [redacted] further advised a group of local Negroes, including teachers and students, had come to his office on May 29, 1969, protesting that Negroes had not been permitted to take part in plans for integrating the schools.

[redacted] pointed out that this was not true, and that all the school principals in the county had taken part in planning this reorganization for total integration.

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RACIAL DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA, MAY 31, 1969

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[redacted] advised on May 31, 1969, he had received information that the SCLC worker from Atlanta who was in Swainsboro was Dan Kateye who was temporarily staying with the widow of Rev. Little on Gumlog Street in Swainsboro. b7D GH

NUMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION [redacted] b7D

Swainsboro, Georgia, advised June 3, 1969, he had met with a group of 12 local Negroes, including DeWitt Walker, in the County Superintendent's Office in Swainsboro to discuss plan for integration of the Emanuel County schools beginning the fall term. He stated he also had two Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) officials present during this meeting from Atlanta. He stated the local Negro group was protesting the manner in which the schools were being integrated in the fall; however, HEW officials advised this group that the plan had been approved by HEW and they saw no grounds for changing it.

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[redacted] contacted June 3, 1969, June 11, 1969, and June 17, 1969, advised there had been no public demonstrations or activities in Swainsboro since a group of local Negro teachers and students had gone to the office of the County School Superintendent on

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RACIAL DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA, MAY 31, 1969

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May 29, 1969, protesting plan for integration of the schools in Emanuel County in the fall. He further advised he knew of no plans for any racial demonstrations in Swainsboro, Georgia, in the future.

111th Military Intelligence Group, Fort McPherson, Georgia; U. S. Secret Service, Atlanta, Georgia, and U. S. Attorney, Savannah, Georgia, advised of the above.

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FBI

Date: 6/20/69

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-3166)(P)

SUBJECT: PROPOSED MARCH BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE TO MONTGOMERY, ALA., 6/17-24/69
RM

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Reference is made to Mobile airtel to the Bureau, 6/13/69, with LHM, and Mobile teletype to the Bureau, 6/17/69.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM reflecting information concerning a proposed march by SCLC from Mobile to Montgomery, Ala., 6/17/69, which march was postponed to 6/19/69, and which did not occur on that date. Two copies of FD-376 are enclosed. Two copies of LHM are furnished to Atlanta and Birmingham for information as the information had indicated that SCLC would have marches throughout Ala. to Montgomery to arrive on 6/24/69. This LHM is being disseminated locally to intelligence agencies and U. S. Secret Service, Mobile.

The Agents observing the site of the proposed march at Mobile were SA's [redacted]

[redacted] U. S. Military Intelligence, Mobile, was kept currently informed.

11 ENCLOSURES

(2)-Bureau (Encs. 13)(RM)
2-Atlanta (Encs. 2)(Info)(RM)
2-Birmingham (Encs. 2)(Info)(RM)
7-Mobile (2- 157-3166)(1- 157-192)
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AGENCY: CRD, [redacted], IIU, [redacted], CD, ACSI, OSI, SS
HOW FORW: R/S
DATE FORW: JUN 25 1969
BY: [illegible]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 20, 1969

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)
U. S. Secret Service, Mobile (RM)

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

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Mobile, Alabama
June 20, 1969

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PROPOSED MARCH BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, JUNE 17 - 24, 1969

AT MOBILE, ALABAMA

On June 16, 1969 [redacted] who furnished him with an itinerary for the SCLC march from Mobile to Montgomery, Alabama, beginning June 17, 1969, and ending in Montgomery on June 24, 1969, as part of the SCLC Poor People's Campaign. The march was to start at Mobile at 2 p.m., June 17, 1969, at the Most Pure Heart of Mary School on Davis Avenue and proceed by way of Highways 45 and 17 to Chatom, Alabama. The group would have an overnight stay in Chatom and would also have overnight stays in Jackson, Alabama; Butler, Alabama; Linden, Alabama; Camden, Alabama; and Hayneville, Alabama, before a revival in Montgomery on June 24, 1969. [redacted] said that [redacted] expected 100 to 150 marchers to depart from Mobile and [redacted] expressed the opinion that the number of participants would increase to approximately 3,000 by the time of arrival in Montgomery. [redacted] advised that the local Mobile organization Neighborhood Organized Workers (NOW), which is an affiliate of SCLC, was not taking part in the march but that NOW members had been told they could participate in the march if they wanted to on an individual basis.

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On the afternoon of June 17, 1969, observation of the area around the Most Pure Heart of Mary School on Davis Avenue before and after 2 p.m. revealed no indication that any march was forming at that point.

On the afternoon of June 17, 1969, [redacted] advised that when the march had not occurred, he had gone to

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MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

a NOW office on Davis Avenue and there had talked with "Joey" Williams and with Charles Jackson, both of whom were identified as SCLC representatives. They told him that Jackson had arrived in Mobile the night before with Ben Clarke, another SCLC representative, and that the march for June 17, 1969, had been delayed and rescheduled for Thursday, June 19, 1969, at 2 p.m. They told him that SCLC would have a closed strategic meeting that night for further planning of this march. [redacted] said that they did not indicate whether or not this two-day delay would result in a later arrival in Montgomery or if they were just going to eliminate some of the stops en route.

On the afternoon of June 19, 1969, observation of the area around the Most Pure Heart of Mary School on Davis Avenue prior to and after 2 p.m. had revealed no indication of any march being formed.

On the afternoon of June 19, 1969 [redacted] advised that he had gone to the NOW office that afternoon and found only one young Negro boy and one Negro girl there. They told him that "Joey" Williams was out of town and that Charles Jackson was around somewhere, but his whereabouts were unknown. They said that they knew nothing about any march that was to occur.

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ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bishop
DATE: June 10, 1969
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
(Attention: Mr. Rozamus)
1 - Mr. Devic
1 - Mr. Glass

TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

FROM : MR. G. C. MOORE

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

[redacted] JUNE

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The Director has asked who authorized the wiretaps on Martin Luther King, Jr., and [redacted] and has asked to see the original authorizations.

There was a wiretap on King's phone at his residence in Atlanta, Georgia, from 11/8/63 to 4/30/65 when he moved. Wiretaps of several days duration were also instituted at the Hyatt House Motel in Los Angeles, California, the Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and at a temporary address at 125 East 72 Street, New York City. A wiretap was instituted at the headquarters of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in New York City on two occasions. All these wiretaps were on the authorization of Robert Kennedy, dated 10/10/63, which is attached.

In addition, a wiretap on SCLC headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, was instituted from 11/8/63 to 6/21/66 on Kennedy's authorization dated 10/21/63, attached.

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Ramsey Clark became Attorney General on 10/3/66.

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ACTION:

None. For information.

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Attachments - 3

Enclosure

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ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bishop

TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

DATE: June 9, 1969

1 - Mr. C. D. Moore
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
(Attention: Mr. Roxanna)

FROM : MR. C. D. MOORE

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

1 - Mr. Glass

Pursuant to your request the following facts concerning electronic surveillances on Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and former Attorney General Ramsey Clark's knowledge of those surveillances are set forth.

A wiretap was installed at King's address in Atlanta, Georgia, on 11/8/63 and was discontinued 4/30/65 when he moved. It was not reinstituted at his new address. Former Attorney General Robert Kennedy approved this 10/10/63. In addition, on Kennedy's 10/10/63 authorization, wiretaps on King were instituted at the Hyatt House Hotel in Los Angeles (4/24-26/64 and 7/7-9/64; at 125 East 72 Street, New York City, temporary address, 8/14-9/8/64); and the Claridge Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey, (8/22-27/64). These were discontinued when King left these addresses.

Wiretaps were installed at SCLC headquarters in New York City, 10-24-63-1/24/64 and 7/13/64-7/31/64. The discontinuance 1/24/64 was for lack of productivity; the discontinuance on 7/31/64 was because the office moved. There was a wiretap on the SCLC Atlanta headquarters 11/8/63 to 6/21/66 when former Attorney General Katzenbach ordered it discontinued because of the involvement of an SCLC official in a car theft case. These authorizations were also given by Kennedy on 10/10/63 and 10/21/63.

Former Attorney General Clark became Acting Attorney General on 10/3/66, he was confirmed by the Senate on 3/2/67, and was sworn in 3/10/67. On 1/2/68 Clark's approval was requested for a wiretap on SCLC headquarters in Atlanta, which authority he denied on 1/3/68. Authority was again requested on 4/2/68 and authority was denied by Clark in a memorandum to the Director 1/17/69. On 5/17/68 Mr. DeLoach discussed the King wiretaps with Assistant Attorney General Edwin L. Weisl. However, Weisl did not mention that Clark was aware of Weisl's inquiry concerning the King wiretaps.

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ACTION:

None. For information.

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RACIAL DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY SCLC, SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA MAY THIRTY ONE, SIXTYNINE. RM.

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

[redacted] SWAINSBORO, b7D GEORGIA ADVISED TODAY HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE THAT HOSEA WILLIAMS WAS MEETING WITH A GROUP OF LOCAL NEGROES IN SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA MORNING MAY THIRTYONE, SIXTYNINE TO PLAN A MARCH PROTESTING THE METHOD OF INTEGRATING SCHOOLS IN EMANUEL COUNTY GEORGIA. [redacted] SOURCE ALSO ADVISED THAT RALPH ABERNATHY WAS TO BE IN SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA JUNE ONE, SIXTYNINE FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

[redacted] STATED PLANS HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR TOTAL INTEGRATION b7D OF EMANUEL COUNTY SCHOOLS BEGINING AUGUST SIXTYNINE. [redacted] FURTHER ADVISED A GROUP OF LOCAL NEGROES INCLUDING TEACHERS AND STUDENTS HAD COME TO HIS OFFICE MAY TWENTYNINE SIXTYNINE PROTESTING THAT NEGROES HAD NOT BEEN PERMITTED TO TAKE PART IN PLANS FOR INTEGRATING THE SCHOOLS.

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[redacted] POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS NOT TRUE, AND THAT ALL THE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS IN THE COUNTY HAD TAKEN PART IN PLANNING THIS REORGANIZATION FOR TOTAL INTEGRATION.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

[redacted] SWAINSBORO, GA. PD AND [redacted] b7C

SWAINSBORO, GA. WERE NOTIFIED MAY THIRTY, SIXTYNINE.

ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH INTC GROUP SAVANNAH BEING ADVISED.

ATLANTA AT ATLANTA WILL NOTIFY SECRET SERVICE.

SAVANNAH WILL CLOSELY FOLLOW THIS MATTER AND PROMPTLY ADVISE BUREAU OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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TO DIRECTOR AND WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE, ATLANTA, AND MOBILE

FROM BIRMINGHAM, 157-115

PROPOSED MARCH BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, AND WASHINGTON, D. C., BEGINNING JUNE TWO, SIXTYNINE, RACIAL MATTERS.

THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS TO DATE IN BIRMINGHAM OR TOWNS IN NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA THAT PROPOSED MARCH ON MONTGOMERY AND WASHINGTON, D.C., HAS BEEN INITIATED. ALL SOURCES HAVE BEEN ALERTED FOR ANY SIGNS THAT MARCH WILL BE UNDERTAKEN AS PLANNED.

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Reference is made to Jackson LHM 5/27/69; Jackson tel 6/1/69, captioned as above; Birmingham communication 5/26/69, entitled "Demonstrations and Activity of SCLC, Birmingham, Ala., 5/22-23/69", and Atlanta tel 6/2/69, entitled "COMINFIL - SCLC; IM - C".

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM. Two copies of LHM furnished Atlanta and Birmingham, with one copy to Memphis for information. Copies disseminated to USA, Oxford, USA, Jackson, Secret Service, Jackson, MICP, Jackson, and CSI, Jackson.

Appropriate local, state and Federal authorities have been advised as indicated in LHM. The Agents interviewing R. B. COTTONREADER, SCLC Project Director, Grenada, Miss., were [redacted]

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Will follow this matter with racial sources and keep respective offices advised.

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) MARCH FROM BATESVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, BEGINNING JUNE 2, 1969.

Reference is made to Jackson, Mississippi, memorandum dated May 27, 1969.

[redacted] advised Special Agents of the FBI on June 1, 1969, that per a decision made at SCLC headquarters, Atlanta, Georgia, the proposed march from Batesville, Mississippi, to Jackson, Mississippi, had been cancelled. [redacted] said the march plans would be modified and the march date tentatively reset for sometime within the next ten days or later. The march could begin in Mississippi from Grenada. [redacted] advised that Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, President, SCLC, made the final decision, and it appears that SCLC could not make adequate arrangements for marches in Alabama and Mississippi at this time. b7D

[redacted] said that he is not recruiting marchers at this time because he will await instructions from SCLC headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, local authorities in Jackson, Military Intelligence and Office of Special Investigations, Jackson, were advised.

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Re Jackson tel 6/6/69.

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Jackson will continue to follow march.

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[redacted] advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as follows: b7D

There will be an SCLC rally at Bell Flower Baptist Church, 505 Pearl Street, Grenada, Mississippi, Sunday, June 8, 1969, from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. He expects 200 to 300 "Poor People" to attend the rally. [redacted] marchers to begin march to Jackson, Mississippi, June 9, 1969, via U. S. Highway 51. The distance is about 100 miles.

The schedule is as follows:

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Leave Grenada at 9:00 am, June 9, 1969,
Arrive Winona, June 9, 1969

Leave Winona, June 10, 1969,
Arrive Vaiden, June 10, 1969

Leave Vaiden, June 11, 1969,
Arrive Durant, June 11, 1969

Leave Durant, June 12, 1969,
Arrive Pickens, June 12, 1969

Leave Pickens, June 13, 1969,
Arrive Canton, June 13, 1969

Leave Canton, June 14, 1969,
Arrive Tougaloo, evening of June 14, 1969

Leave Tougaloo, June 15, 1969,
Arrive Jackson, June 15,1969

On June 16, 1969, the marchers will march to Mississippi State Capitol, Jackson, and after meeting on Capitol grounds, will board buses for travel to Montogmery, Alabama, arriving, June 16, 1969. Mississippi delegation will then meet up with Alabama delegation and they will march to Alabama State Capitol for rally. Delegates from Alabama and Mississippi will then board buses and travel through following cities picking up additional marchers:

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Birmingham, Alabama, June 17, 1969;
Atlanta, Georgia, June 18, 1969;
Savannah, Georgia, June 19, 1969;
Charleston, South Carolina, June 20, 1969;
Columbia, South Carolina, June 21, 1969;
Greenville, South Carolina, June 22, 1969;
Charlotte, North Carolina, June 23, 1969;
Greensboro, North Carolina, June 24, 1969;
Durham, North Carolina, June 25, 1969;
Raleigh, North Carolina, June 26, 1969;
Norfolk, Virginia, June 27, 1969;
Richmond, Virginia, June 28, 1969.

The buses will arrive at Washington, D. C., on June 29, 1969, and Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, President, SCLC, will lead Poor People's march to the White House to protest President Nixon's cut in the Federal budget for Poor People projects. As of this time, there will be no Northern delegation, but will just be a Southern delegation.

[redacted] advise [redacted] Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, and [redacted] Grenada, Mississippi, [redacted] plans and Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol will provide security for safety of marchers during march to Jackson. b7D b7C

Local officials, Military Intelligence, Office of Special Investigations (OSI), and Secret Service, Jackson, advised.

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) MARCH FROM GRENADA, MISS., TO JACKSON, MISS., JUNE NINE-SIXTEEN NEXT.

RM [redacted] GRENADA, MISS., ADVISED A SPECIAL AGENT OF THE FBI ON JUNE SIX AS FOLLOWS:

THERE WILL BE AN SCLC RALLY AT BELL FLOWER BAPTIST CHURCH, FIVE ZERO FIVE PEARL ST., GRENADA, MISS., SUNDAY, JUNE EIGHT, FROM TWO PM TO SIX PM. HE EXPECTS TWO HUNDRED TO THREE HUNDRED "POOR PEOPLE" TO ATTEND RALLY. [redacted]

MARCHERS TO BEGIN MARCH TO JACKSON, MISS., JUNE NINE VIA U. S. HWY. FIFTYONE. DISTANCE IS ABOUT ONE HUNDRED MILES.

SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

LEAVE GRENADA NINE A.M. JUNE NINE, ARRIVE WINONA JUNE NINE

LEAVE WINONA JUNE TEN, ARRIVE VAIDEN, JUNE TEN

LEAVE VAIDEN JUNE ELEVEN, ARRIVE DURANT JUNE ELEVEN

LEAVE DURANT JUNE TWELVE, ARRIVE PICKENS JUNE TWELVE

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LEAVE PICKENS JUNE THIRTEEN, ARRIVE CANTON JUNE THIRTEEN

LEAVE CANTON JUNE FOURTEEN, ARRIVE TOUGALOO EVENING OF JUNE FOURTEEN

LEAVE TOUGALOO JUNE FIFTEEN, ARRIVE JACKSON JUNE FIFTEEN

ON JUNE SIXTEEN NEXT WILL MARCH TO MISS. STATE CAPITOL, JACKSON, AND AFTER MEETING ON CAPITOL GROUNDS, WILL BOARD BUSES FOR TRAVEL TO MONTGOMERY, ALA., ARRIVING JUNE SIXTEEN. MISS. DELEGATION WILL THEN MEET UP WITH ALA. DELEGATION AND WILL MARCH TO ALA. STATE CAPITOL FOR RALLY. DELEGATES FROM ALA. AND MISS. WILL THEN BOARD BUSES AND TRAVEL THROUGH FOLLOWING CITIES PICKING UP ADDITIONAL MARCHERS:

BIRMINGHAM - SEVENTEENTH

ATLANTA - EIGHTEENTH

SAVANNAH - NINETEENTH

CHARLESTON - TWENTIETH

COLUMBIA - TWENTY FIRST

GREENVILLE, S.C. - TWENTY SECOND

CHARLOTTE - TWENTY THIRD

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GREENSBORO - TWENTY FOURTH

DURHAM - TWENTY FIFTH

RALEIGH - TWENTY SIXTH

NORFOLK - TWENTY SEVENTH

RICHMOND - TWENTY EIGHTH

BUSSES WILL ARRIVE AT WASHINGTON, D.C. ON JUNE TWENTY NINE AND DR. RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT, SCLC, WILL LEAD POOR PEOPLE'S MARCH TO THE WHITE HOUSE TO PROTEST PRESIDENT NIXON'S CUT IN THE FEDERAL BUDGET FOR POOR PEOPLE PROJECTS. AS OF THIS TIME, THERE WILL BE NO NORTHERN DELEGATION, BUT WILL JUST BE A SOUTHERN DELEGATION.

[redacted] ADVISED [redacted] MHSP, AND [redacted] GRENADA, MISS., [redacted] PLANS AND MHSP WILL PROVIDE SECURITY FOR SAFETY OF MARCHERS DURING MARCH TO JACKSON. b7D b7C

LOCAL OFFICIALS, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, OSI AND SECRET SERVICE, JACKSON, ADVISED.

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ADMINISTRATIVE: ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM ARE PRESENTLY AWARE OF SCLC ACTIVITIES IN THEIR AREA. OTHER OFFICES RECEIVING AIRMAIL COPIES WILL ALERT LOCAL AUTHORITIES, CONTACT RACIAL INFORMANTS AND ADVISE BUREAU AND PERTINENT OFFICES. JACKSON WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF MARCH.

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R.B. COTTONREADER, PROJECT DIRECTOR, SCLC, HELD A RALLY AT THE SMALL COMMUNITY OF WEST, MISS., ON THE EVENING OF JUNE TEN, LAST WITH APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE RALLY AND COTTONREADER REPEATED HIS REQUEST FOR MARCHERS AND FUNDS TO CONTINUE SCLC'S MARCH TO THE STATE CAPITOL AT JACKSON, MISS.

AT SEVEN THIRTY AM JUNE ELEVEN, FORTYTHREE MARCHERS DEPARTED WEST, MISS., SOUTH ON U.S. HIGHWAY FIFTYONE, LED BY COTTONREADER. THE GROUP WAS MADE UP ENTIRELY OF NEGRO MALES. A TRUCK HAULING SUPPLIES FOLLOWED LATER WITH APPROXIMATELY THIRTY WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

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THE MARCH ARRIVED AT DURANT, MISS., AROUND TWO THIRTY PM WITH THE MARCHERS TOTALING SEVENTYSIX PERSONS. THE MARCH WAS COMPLETED AT THIS TIME WITH THE GROUP COVERING NINE MILES BY FOOT AND TRUCK. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY WITH THE

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EXCEPTION THAT ONE NEGRO FEMALE, PATRICIA DURR, AGE SIXTEEN, WHO HAS BEEN WITH THE GROUP SINCE GRENADA, MISS., BECAME ILL AFTER SUFFERING AN ASTHMATIC ATTACK AND WAS TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL AT DURANT FOR TREATMENT. COTTONREADER ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WOULD SPEND THE NIGHT IN DURANT AND WILL DEPART DURANT AROUND EIGHT AM JUNE TWELVE, NEXT, EN ROUTE TO GOODMAN, MISS., VIA U.S. HIGHWAY FIFTYONE.

THROUGHOUT THE DAY THERE HAVE DEEN NO SPECTATORS, AND NO TELEVISION OR PRESS COVERAGE.

LOCAL OFFICIALS, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, ~~ONI~~ Air Force Intelligence, AND SECRET SERVICE AWARE OF DEVELOPMENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

REJNTEL JUNE TEN, LAST.

AM COPY ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, AND MEMPHIS. JACKSON WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

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cc MR. TRAINOR
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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 6/12/69

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is sponsoring a march from Grenada to Jackson, Mississippi, in an effort to focus attention on dissatisfaction with the poverty programs of the Federal Government.

Attached relates that approximately 200 persons attended a peaceful rally in West, Mississippi, on June 10, 1969. Early in the morning of June 11, 1969, the marchers left West and arrived at Durant, Mississippi, at approximately 2:30 p.m. March was unimpeded and no significant events transpired.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM JACKSON (157-11017)

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) MARCH FROM GRENADA, MISS., TO JACKSON, MISS., JUNE NINE - SIXTEEN, SIXTYNINE. RM. Racial Matter

THE POOR PEOPLES HUNGER MARCH, LED BY R.B. COTTONREADER, SCLC PROJECT DIRECTOR, DEPARTED LEXINGTON, MISS., TWELVE FORTY PM JUNE SIXTEEN WITH APPROXIMATELY EIGHTYSEVEN NEGROES IN CAR AND BUS CARAVAN. THE GROUP TRAVELED TO GOODMAN, MISS., A SMALL COMMUNITY LOCATED IN HOLMES CO. UPON ARRIVAL IN GOODMAN, THE GROUP, CONSISTING OF EIGHTYSEVEN PERSON, MARCHED ON FOOT FROM THE CITY LIMITS OF GOODMAN TO THE DOWNTOWN AREA. THEY THEN DEPARTED BY CAR AND BUS AND TRAVELED VIA U.S. HWY FIFTYONE TO JACKSON, MISS., ARRIVING JACKSON ABOUT FIVE TWENTYTWO PM THIS DATE. REC 81 ~~157-632-178~~

CARAVAN TRAVELED TO CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH (NEGRO), FIVE HUNDRED N. FARISH ST., JACKSON, AND APPROXIMATELY

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FIFTYFIVE NEGROES DISMOUNTED AND ENTERED CHURCH. CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH HAS BEEN USED AS MEETING PLACE RECENTLY FOR SCLC MEETINGS.

[redacted]

ADVISED THIS PM THERE WILL BE A MEETING TONIGHT AT CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH TO DETERMINE DISPOSITION OF SCLC MARCHERS WHO ARRIVED JACKSON TODAY, SINCE THEIR ARRIVAL WAS NOT ANTICIPATED UNTIL AT LEAST THE WEEKEND OF JUNE TWENTY - TWENTYTWO NEXT. ATTEMPTS BEING MADE TO DIVIDE THESE INDIVIDUALS INTO GROUPS OF FOUR PERSONS EACH, WHICH WILL THEN BE TRANSPORTED TO VARIOUS AREAS OF SOUTHERN MISS., WHERE THEY WILL ATTEMPT TO GET SUPPORT FOR DEMONSTRATION AT JACKSON JUNE TWENTYTHREE NEXT. [redacted] ADVISED DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ANY DEMONSTRATIONS OR MARCHES IN JACKSON THIS EVENING OR UNTIL FORTHCOMING WEEKEND. HE ADVISED THE ARRIVAL OF ABOVE MENTIONED GROUP AT JACKSON WAS COMPLETELY UNSCHEDULED AND HAS ADDED CONFUSION TO SCLC PLANS IN MISS. AT PRESENT. [redacted] ADVISED HE WILL REMAIN IN JACKSON FOR NEXT SEVERAL DAYS PLANNING AND COORDINATING SCLC PREPARATIONS FOR RALLY

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ON FORTHCOMING WEEKEND AND POSSIBLE MARCH ON STATE CAPITOL, JACKSON, JUNE TWENTYTHREE NEXT.

[redacted] PLANNING BY RICHARD WOODS, N/M, SCLC ORGANIZER FROM MEMPHIS, AND ROLAND BETTS, N/M, SCLC-DESIGNATED MISS. STATE MOBILIZER FROM ATLANTA. 67D

APPROPRIATE LOCAL, STATE, FEDERAL AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE JACKSON TEL JUNE SIXTEEN INSTANT.

JACKSON HAS SEVERAL INFORMANTS ASSIGNED TO THIS MATTER.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 6/17/69

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is conducting a march from Grenada to Jackson, Mississippi, to focus attention on the poverty programs of the Federal Government which they consider unsatisfactory.

Attached relates that a group of marchers departed Lexington, Mississippi, on 6/16/69, and arrived in Jackson the same date. SCLC had not anticipated arrival of these marchers and SCLC plans for marchers confused.

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SECOND PHASE OF POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN IN MISS., SPONSORED BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC). RM.

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ABOUT ONE HUNDRED FIFTY MARCHERS TRANSPORTED FROM CANTON, MISS., TO JACKSON, MISS., IN NUMEROUS AUTOS P.M. JUNE TWENTY-TWO LAST ARRIVING CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH FIVE HUNDRED N. FARISH ST., JACKSON, FIVE THIRTY P.M.; DINNER SERVED MARCHERS AT CHURCH FOLLOWING WHICH RALLY COMMENCED SAME LOCATION EIGHT P.M.; ABOUT THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE PERSONS, OF WHICH TEN WHITE, IN ATTENDANCE AT RALLY; SPEAKERS WERE HERMAN LEON O'NEIL, N/M, AND RICHARD WOODS, N/M, SCLC STAFF WORKERS FROM MEMPHIS, TENN., AND R.B. COTTONREADER, N/M, SCLC STAFF WORKER FROM GRENADA, MISS. WOODS GAVE GENERAL TALK ON "SOUL POWER" AND GOALS OF MARCH ON CAPITOL A.M. JUNE TWENTY-THREE INSTANT. O'NEIL LEAD GROUP IN REHEARSAL OF CIVIL RIGHTS SONGS TO BE SUNG DURING MARCH. COTTONREADER, WHO LEAD MARCHERS TO JACKSON, ADVISED BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED MARCHERS AT CHURCH

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STEVEN TO NINE A.M. MONDAY FOLLOWING WHICH MARCHERS PROCEED DISTANCE OF ABOUT SIX BLOCKS TO CAPITOL GROUNDS; AT CAPITOL WILL HOLD RALLY, SING SONGS, HAVE POSSIBLE SIT-IN ON GROUNDS AND "WAIT ALL DAY FOR GOVERNOR JOHN BELL WILLIAMS TO APPEAR AND ACCEPT MARCHERS DEMANDS"; SAID AFTER MARCH MONDAY MARCHERS WILL HAVE DINNER AND SPEND EVENING AT CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH; TUESDAY JUNE TWENTY-FOUR WILL MARCH TO DURANT, MISS., AND THEN ON WEDNESDAY PROCEED TO PLANTATION OF U. S. SENATOR JAMES O. EASTLAND IN MISS. DELTA WHERE WILL HAVE "PLANT-IN"; SAID EXPECT MARCHERS TO BE ARRESTED ON CAPITOL GROUNDS MONDAY AND IF SO THEY WILL REMAIN IN JAIL RATHER THAN POST BOND. b7D

[redacted] SOURCES ADVISED SCLC LEADERSHIP OF O'NEIL, WOODS AND COTTENREADER APPEARS WEAK AND DISORGANIZE; NONE MENTIONED DURING TALKS THAT ANY OTHER MORE NOTABLE SCLC STAFFERS TO PARTICIPATE IN MONDAY'S MARCH; MARCHERS LODGED EVENING OF JUNE TWENTY-TWO AT CHURCH AND IN NEARBY HOMES. SUNDAY'S RALLY ENDED TEN THIRTY P.M.

APPROPRIATE LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES ADVISED.

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JACKSON FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY WITH SOURCES SEVERAL OF WHOM TO PARTICIPATE IN MONDAY'S MARCH.

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SECOND PHASE OF POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN IN MISS., SPONSORED BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC); RM. Racial Matter

THE POOR PEOPLE'S HUNGER MARCH PARTICIPANTS HELD A RALLY AT A BASEBALL PARK IN YAZOO CITY, MISS., ON THE EVENING OF JUNE NINETEEN AT WHICH TIME APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED FIFTY INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATED. THIS RALLY BROKE UP AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN P.M. WITHOUT INCIDENT. ALL SPEAKERS REQUESTED THAT EVERY "POOR PERSON" FROM MISS. SHOULD BE IN JACKSON, MISS., ON JUNE TWENTYTWO DASH TWENTYTHREE TO PARTICIPATE IN SCLC ACTIVITIES.

AT APPROXIMATELY ONE P.M. ON JUNE TWENTY R. B. COTTONREADER, Negro Male RM, PROJECT DIRECTOR, SCLC, CONTACTED MAYOR OF YAZOO CITY, MISS. TO PROVIDE BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR THE MARCHERS TO CANTON, MISS. THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REFUSED THIS REQUEST AND AT APPROXIMATELY TWO P.M. TWO HUNDRED MARCHERS PROCEEDED TO [redacted] TO THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS AREA. THE MARCHERS WERE CONFRONTED BY POLICE DEPT. AND FIREMEN WHO BLOCKED OFF INTERSECTIONS. MARCHERS

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WERE ADVISED BY MAYOR JEPPIE BARBOUR THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO MARCH WITHOUT A PERMIT. COTTONREADER REPLIED THAT THEY WERE GOING TO MARCH AND THAT FOR THE TIME BEING THEY WERE RETREATING TO THE SILVER SLIPPER, A NEGRO CAFE, TO REORGANIZE.

AROUND THREE FIFTEEN P.M. COTTONREADER RECONTACTED MAYOR BARBOUR AND AGAIN REQUESTED A PERMIT TO MARCH THROUGH THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS AREA OF YAZOO CITY TO THE EDGE OF CITY LIMITS, WHERE THEY WOULD BE MET BY TRUCKS AND AUTOS AND THEN BE TRANSPORTED TO CANTON, MISS. MAYOR BARBOUR GAVE COTTONREADER A VERBAL PERMIT TO CONDUCT THE MARCH.

APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE MARCHERS WALKED PEACEFULLY THROUGH DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT TO EDGE OF CITY LIMITS, ARRIVING AT THEIR DESTINATION AROUND FOUR PM.

THE TRUCKS AND AUTOS DID NOT ARRIVE TO PICK UP THE PASSENGERS UNTIL APPROXIMATELY FIVE FORTY PM. APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY PERSONS DEPARTED FOR CANTON, MISS. THE REMAINDER OF THOSE WHO MARCHED THROUGH THE CITY DISPERSED

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AND RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES.

COTTONREADER ADVISED ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE FOR LODGING AND FOOD FOR ALL MARCHERS AT CANTON THROUGH THE HOLY CHILD JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH. THE GROUP PLANS TO HOLD RECRUITING SESSIONS IN CANTON (SAT) SATURDAY JUNE TWENTYONE NEXT AND DEPART CANTON EARLY JUNE TWENTYTWO FOR JACKSON.

CANTON HAS A POPULATION OF ABOUT TWELVE THOUSAND PEOPLE, OF WHICH SEVENTYFIVE PERCENT ARE NEGRO. CANTON IS LOCATED TWENTYFIVE MILES NORTH OF JACKSON, THE STATE CAPITAL.

[redacted] ADVISED THERE HAVE BEEN NO b7D
ARRESTS MADE OR SERIOUS INCIDENTS IN YAZOO CITY SINCE THE ARRIVAL OF MARCHERS.

APPROPRIATE LOCAL, STATE, FEDERAL AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES ADVISED.

ADMINISTRATIVE: REMYTEL JUNE NINETEEN LAST. JACKSON HAS IN-DEPTH INFORMANT COVERAGE AND THIS OFFICE IS KEEPING

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS [illegible] U.S. Department [illegible]
FOR INFO BUREAU. THERE ARE NEGRO AND WHITE MEDIA
REPRESENTATIVES PRESENTLY TRAVELING WITH MARCHERS AND ARE
AWARE OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, AND COLUMBIA

FROM JACKSON (157-11017)

SECOND PHASE OF POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN IN MISS., SPONSORED BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC). RM.

ON JUNE TWENTYONE, [redacted] ADVISED THERE HAD BEEN NO MARCHES IN CANTON SINCE ARRIVAL OF SCLC MARCHERS IN LATE EVENING OF FRIDAY, JUNE TWENTY.

[redacted] ADVISED THERE HAD BEEN NO INCIDENTS OF ANY KIND AND MARCHERS HAD REMAINED AT HOLY CHILD JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN SOUTH CANTON.

[redacted] ADVISED THERE HAD BEEN A MEETING PLANNED FOR EVENING JUNE TWENTYONE LAST BUT HAD BEEN CANCELLED WHEN WINDSTORM CAME TO CANTON AREA.

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[redacted] ADVISED JUNE TWENTYTWO MARCHERS WERE STILL IN CANTON AS OF TWO THIRTY PM AND HAD MADE NO ATTEMPT TO LEAVE. [redacted] ADVISED MARCHERS HAD NOT LEFT CATHOLIC CHURCH FACILITIES AND THERE HAD BEEN NO INCIDENTS. MAXIMUM NUMBER APPEARS TO BE AROUND TWO HUNDRED PERSONS AT CHURCH.

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ADVISED THAT CITY OF JACKSON IS PRESENTLY UNDER A FEDERAL INJUNCTION AND MUST ALLOW MARCHERS TO PEACEABLY MARCH ON SIDEWALKS THROUGHOUT CITY, AS LONG AS THEY DO NOT COMMIT

VIOLATIONS OF LAW.

STATE NATIONAL GUARD HAS UNITS ON STANDBY IN JACKSON IN EVENT THEIR SERVICES ARE NEEDED BY STATE AUTHORITIES.

[redacted] ADVISED THAT GOVERNOR JOHN BELL WILLIAMS HAS RETURNED TO STATE OF MISS. FROM CANADA DUE TO HIS MOTHER'S SERIOUS ILLNESS; HOWEVER, WILLIAMS WILL NOT MEET WITH ANY SCLC DELEGATION AT STATE CAPITOL. b7D

SCLC HAS RALLY PLANNED FOR SUN. EVENING, EIGHT PM, AT CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH, JACKSON, TO DISCUSS MARCH ON STATE CAPITOL SET FOR NINE AM MON. MORNING JUNE TWENTYTHREE.

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LOCAL, STATE, SELECTIVE SERVICE, MIGP, AND APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AUTHORITIES ADVISED.

ADMINISTRATIVE: REMYTEL JUNE TWENTYONE LAST. JACKSON HAS SUFFICIENT INFORMANT COVERAGE WITH MARCHERS AND THIS OFFICE IS KEEPING LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES ADVISED.

ATLANTA AND COLUMBIA SHOULD IMMEDIATELY ADVISE JACKSON BY PHONE OR TEL IN EVENT ANY PROMINENT SCLC OFFICIALS COMING TO JACKSON, SINCE LOCAL AND STATE OFFICIALS EXTREMELY CONCERNED WITH ANY PRESENCE OF OUT OF STATE SCLC OR BLACK ACTIVISTS IN JACKSON.

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FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-115) 2P

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ACTIVITY, JEFFERSON AND SHELBY COUNTIES, ALABAMA, JUNE NINETEEN, SIXTYNINE. RM.

FBI AGENTS OBSERVED THE FOLLOWING:

APPROXIMATELY SIXTY-FIVE NEGROES, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF JOE HAMMOND, SCLC FIELD WORKER, DEPARTED ON FOOT FROM THE NEW PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN A.M. THIS DATE AND WALKED ON THE GREEN SPRINGS HIGHWAY FOR ABOUT THREE MILES, THEN STOPPED IN THE SHADE OF SOME TREES FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS. AFTER RESTING FOR THIS PERIOD, THE GROUP GOT INTO A RENTED RYDER COVERED TRUCK AND A BUS BELONGING TO NEW PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH. THEY PROCEEDED DOWN GREEN SPRINGS HIGHWAY WHERE IT JOINS U. S. HIGHWAY THIRTYONE. THE GROUP DROVE ON HIGHWAY THIRTYONE, STOPPING ONCE OR TWICE IN THE SHADE, UNTIL THEY REACHED OUTSKIRTS OF ALABASTER AT APPROXIMATELY FOUR FIFTEEN P.M. AT THIS POINT, GROUP GOT OUT OF BUS AND TRUCK AND MARCHED INTO ALABASTER.

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[redacted] ADVISES THE GROUP WILL STAY ALL NIGHT IN LARGE NEGRO SCHOOL IN ALABASTER AND LEAVE TOMORROW MORNING FOR CENTREVILLE, BIBB COUNTY, ALABAMA, ON THEIR WAY TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA.

THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS AND NO VIOLENCE OCCURRED DURING THIS MARCH.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

LOCAL AND STATE AUTHORITIES PRESENT DURING MARCH. MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, U. S. ATTORNEY AND SECRET SERVICE WILL BE NOTIFIED. LHM FOLLOWS. AIR MAIL COPIES TO ATLANTA, JACKSON AND MOBILE.

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POOR PEOPLES MARCH, SHELBY AND BIBB COUNTIES,
ALABAMA, 6/20/69.
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Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum are being furnished to Atlanta, Mobile and Jackson for information.

This letterhead memorandum has been disseminated locally to military intelligence agencies, U. S. Secret Service, and the U. S. Attorney, Birmingham.

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June 27, 1969

RE: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, POOR PEOPLES MARCH, SHELBY AND BIBB COUNTIES, ALABAMA, June 20, 1969.

Federal Bureau of Investigation Agents observed the following on June 20, 1969:

Approximately 56 Negroes, under the leadership of Andrew Hooker, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) field worker, departed on foot from the Alabaster, Alabama, Elementary School, proceeded north on Highway 31 for approximately one mile then turned southwest on Highway 139 leading to Montevallo. The marchers walked about 4 miles on Highway 139 then rested approximately 30 minutes. The marchers then loaded into the rented Ryder truck and several automobiles and drove into Negro neighborhood in Montevallo and stopped at a Negro church about 11:15 A.M. The group ate lunch and rested until approximately 4:15 P.M.

The group, which numbered approximately 30, loaded into the rented Ryder truck and proceeded onto Highway 25 and drove to Centreville where they went to the First Baptist Church.

[redacted] advised that the group would remain all night at the Baptist Church in Centreville, Bibb County and leave at 8 A.M. June 21 on their way to Montgomery via Clanton, Alabama. b7D

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There were no incidents and no violence during this march.

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TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: SAC, WFO

MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL, MEDICAL COLLEGE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, PICKETING BY GROUP
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ATTEMPTING TO ORGANIZE NEGRO UNION, RM, OO COLUMBIA.

ON JUNE NINETEEN INSTANT, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT A DEMONSTRATION WAS CONDUCTED AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE, WASHINGTON, D. C. (WDC), BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), WDC. SOURCE INDICATED DEMONSTRATION WAS TO SHOW SYMPATHY FOR STRIKING HOSPITAL WORKERS IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA. SOURCE STATED THE DEMONSTRATIONS STARTED AT APPROXIMATELY TWELVE THIRTY P.M. AND ENDED AT ONE FIFTYFIVE P.M. THERE WERE AN ESTIMATED TWENTY PARTICIPANTS IN THE DEMONSTRATION INCLUDING

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WDC SCLC HEAD REVEREND WALTER E. FAUNTROY AND DOCTOR GEORGE WILEY, DIRECTOR, THE NATIONAL WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION, WDC. THE DEMONSTRATION WAS CONDUCTED WITHOUT INCIDENT AND PLACARDS CARRIED BY PICKETERS READ "DON'T GO CHICKEN ON US FINCH," "BACK THE WORKING POOR, HEW", "REHIRE THE CHARLESTON TWELVE OR CUT THE TWELVE MILLION DOLLARS", "DON'T FINK OUT FINCH", and "WHO RUNS HEW - FINCH OR STROM THURMOND".

DURING THE DEMONSTRATION, REVEREND FAUNTROY ADVISED REPORTERS THAT SCLC CONTEMPLATED DEMONSTRATION IN WDC ON JULY FOUR NEXT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SECOND PHASE OF THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN. b1

ADMINISTRATIVE: REFERENCE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE TELETYPE RE WFO TEL JUNE EIGHTEEN LAST. [redacted]

[redacted] WFO HAS MAINTAINED LIAISON WITH METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, WDC, GSA SECURITY FORCE, GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION AND HEW SECURITY OFFICE IN CONNECTION WITH ABOVE DEMONSTRATION.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

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We were previously advised that Walter E. Fauntroy of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Washington, D. C., would lead a demonstration at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) on 6/19/69 in support of the striking hospital workers in Charleston, South Carolina.

Attached relates that about 20 persons conducted a demonstration in front of HEW on 6/19/69. During the demonstration Fauntroy advised the Southern Christian Leadership Conference plans to conduct a demonstration in Washington, D.C. on 7/4/69 in connection with its second phase of the Poor People's Campaign. This campaign is underway in several southern states and consists of marches to the state capitols.

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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-7802) (P)

SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATIONS AT FORT McPHERSON, GEORGIA, COMMENCING JUNE 9, 1969, IN SYMPATHY WITH RUSSELL WILLIAM MALONE, ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE SOLDIER ARRESTED SAME DATE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA IS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and ten copies of an LHM dated and titled as above, and suitable for dissemination.

Copies of said LHM have been disseminated locally to OSI, Robins Air Force Base, NIS, Charleston, South Carolina, MIG, Ft. McPherson, and U. S. Secret Service, Atlanta, Georgia.

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The enclosed memorandum has been classified confidential since some of the information contained therein comes from a source of continuing value, the unauthorized disclosure of which might adversely affect the internal security of the United States.

This matter will continue to be followed by the Atlanta Office and the Bureau will be kept advised of pertinent information and developments.

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DEMONSTRATIONS AT FORT McPHERSON, GEORGIA, COMMENCING JUNE 9, 1969, IN SYMPATHY WITH RUSSELL WILLIAM MALONE, ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE SOLDIER ARRESTED SAME DATE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

An article in the June 6, 1969, issue of "The Atlanta Constitution", Atlanta, Georgia, newspaper, quoted Tom Houck, of Southern Christian Leadership Conference, (SCLC), as saying on June 5, 1969, that "Atlanta's first GI sanctuary" would begin on Sunday, June 8, 1969, in support of "a soldier who is absent without leave (AWOL) from Fort Rucker, Alabama, after being placed on orders for Viet Nam". Houck indicated that supporters of the man would gather with him at the Quaker House in Atlanta at 10:00 A.M. on June 8, 1969, for "a continuous vigil." Houck declined to give the GI's name, according to the article.

On Sunday, June 8, 1969, local Atlanta television stations carried interviews being conducted with one Russell William Malone, same conducted in front of the sign at the Quaker House, 1384 Fairview Road, N. E., Atlanta, with what appeared to be approximately twenty onlookers. During the interview, Malone indicated that he was AWOL from the military service, and was awaiting apprehension by military authorities.

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ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE SOLDIER
ARRESTED SAME DATE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested Russell William Malone at said Quaker House on the morning of June 9, 1969, as a deserter. At the time of arrest, Malone, described as a white male, born January 16, 1949, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, five feet ten inches tall, weighing 145 pounds, with blue eyes, and brown hair, declined to be interviewed concerning his past activities, other than to say that he had arrived at the Quaker House on June 8, 1969.

[redacted] 111th Military Intelligence Group, Fort McPherson, Georgia, advised at approximately 2:40 P.M. on June 9, 1969, that thirteen individuals had begun a picketing type demonstration at the Lee Street Gate, Fort McPherson, Georgia, a few minutes earlier, same being conducted in sympathy with Russell William Malone.

[redacted] indicated that an individual, said to be a Quaker minister by the name of Ashley Jones or Ashton Jones, a member of the demonstrating group, had been picked up by Military Police after he sat down on the roadway, inside the gate, and refused to move.

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[redacted] 111th Military Intelligence Group, Fort McPherson, Georgia, advised on June 10, 1969, that the demonstration conducted at the Lee Street Gate on the previous day had lasted from about 2:00 P.M. until about 3:30 P.M. Fourteen individuals in all had participated in the demonstration, the group included six females and eight males, all of the white race and ranging in age from approximately eighteen to twenty-five years. They carried anti-war placards and placards in support of Russell Malone..

[redacted] said that one Ashley Jones or Ashton Jones, alleged to be a Quaker minister, was picked up by Military Police after he drove onto the base and parked his car after being told not to do so. When confronted by the Military Police, he sat down and refused to move, and had to be carried to the Provost Marshal's Office. He was later released, according to [redacted] further advised that the demonstrators departed Fort McPherson when Jones was released with remarks that they would return to their demonstrating on June 10, 1969.

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DEMONSTRATIONS AT FORT McPHERSON, GEORGIA,
COMMENCING JUNE 9, 1969,
IN SYMPATHY WITH RUSSELL WILLIAM MALONE,
ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE SOLDIER
ARRESTED SAME DATE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

An article in the June 10, 1969, issue of the "Atlanta Constitution" advised that the small group of pacifists had demonstrated outside the main gate at Fort McPherson on the previous day, in support of Russell William Malone, described as an AWOL soldier who had been absent without leave from his military base since last November. The article indicated that Malone had been turned over to Army authorities after being taken to Fort McPherson on June 9, 1969, and had thereafter been transferred back to his disciplinary barracks at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, later on same date, to face charges of violation of his parole. The article also advised that Henry Bass, described as a spokesman for the Atlanta Workshop in Nonviolence (AWIN), had said that demonstrations would continue "this week", that Malone had decided to "make a moral case" and "to do it publicly".

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the Atlanta Workshop in Nonviolence (AWIN) was organized in September, 1967, by Henry and Sue Bass who came to Atlanta from the New York Workshop in Nonviolence. The purpose of the organization was to set up a basis for the direction of anti-war protests. The Atlanta and New York groups were affiliated with Committee on Nonviolent Action. The primary thrust of AWIN was the holding of vigils at "Five-Points" in Atlanta, the leafleting of churches and draft boards and draft counseling. The membership was primarily New Left and hippie type individuals, according to source.

AWIN succeeded in relating desires to all the peace groups in Atlanta through the Atlanta Alliance for Peace, according to source, and the draft counseling information furnished has preferred religious or conscientious objector procedures over resistance procedures or immigration to Canada since Dennis Adelsberger became the leader of said organization.

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Reference Memo prepared at Atlanta, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM JACKSON (157-11017)4P

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) MARCH

FROM GRENADA, MISS., TO JACKSON, MISS., JUNE NINE - SIXTEEN

SIXTYNINE; RM.

R. B. COTTONREADER, PROJECT DIRECTOR, SCLC, HELD A RALLY AT THE BETHLEHEM CHURCH, WINONA, MISS., JUNE NINE, LAST. THE RALLY BEGAN AT EIGHT THIRTY P.M. AND ENDED AROUND TEN P.M. THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE ACCORDING TO [redacted] AND HE ESTIMATED THAT APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE NEGRO FEMALE AND MALE YOUTHS. COTTONREADER WAS ASSISTED BY HERMAN O'NEAL, NEGRO MALE, SCLC STAFF WORKER FROM MEMPHIS, TENN., AND ARNOLD HAYS, NEGRO MALE, SCLC STAFF WORKER FROM ATLANTA, GA. COTTONREADER CALLED FOR ADDITIONAL MARCHERS

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AND ASSIGNMENTS WERE MADE FOR WORKERS TO CANVASS DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES IN THE DELTA AREA OF MISS. FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MONEY FOOD, CLOTHING, ETC. [redacted] SAID THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS AT THE RALLY. 67D

AT NINE FORTY A.M. JUNE TEN, SCLC MARCH BEGAN, LED BY COTTONREADER, O(NEAL, AND HAYS. THEY DEPARTED THE BETHLEHEM CHURCH WITH EIGHTY NEGROES AND ONE WHITE FEMALE. FEMALE IDENTIFIED AS SHARA LYNN PFEFFER, AGE TWENTYONE, SCLC STAFF WORKER FROM CALIFORNIA. SEVENTYFIVE PERCENT OF THE MARCHERS WERE TEENAGERS. AS THE MARCH BEGAN TO LEAVE WINONA A RAIN STORM HIT WINONA, DELAYING THE MARCHERS FOR FEW MINUTES. MAJORITY OF SMALL CHILDREN AND FEMALES BOARDED A TRUCK AND TRAILED THE MARCHERS, RIDING IN THE TRUCK. [illegible] UNIT SPOT-CHECKED THE MARCHERS. AT NOON THE TRUCK TRANSPORTED ALL MARCHERS TO VAIDEN FOR LUNCH AND AT ONE THIRTY THE MARCH RESUMED FROM

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VAIDEN, HEADED SOUTH ON U. S. HIGHWAY FIFTY-ONE. THE MARCHERS TOOK TURNS RIDING THE TRUCK AND MARCHING. THE MARCH ENDED AT FOUR FIFTY PM AT WEST, MISS., WHERE THE GROUP WILL SPEND THE NIGHT. THE GROUP HAS COVERED FORTY-ONE MILES IN THE PAST TWO DAYS BY TRUCK AND FOOT.

THERE HAVE BEEN NO SPECTATORS, NO TELEVISION OR PRESS COVERAGE DURING THE MARCH. THERE HAVE BEEN NO INCIDENTS. MARCHERS WILL CONTINUE THEIR ONE HUNDRED MILE MARCH TO JACKSON, JUNE ELEVEN, NEXT, FROM WEST, MISS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-3166) (P)

SUBJECT: CHANGED
PROPOSED MARCH BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA,
JUNE 17 - 24, 1969
RM

AGENCY: CRD, ITU, CD, Room 8306
HOW FORW: JUN 17 1969
DATE FORW:
BY:

Re Mobile airtel to Bureau, 6/6/69.

Title is changed to omit reference to Washington, D.C., and to change date from "Beginning June 10, 1969," to June 17 - 24, 1969.

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eleven copies of LHM reflecting information developed at Mobile re the above subject. Two copies of an FD-376 are also enclosed for the Bureau. Each receiving office is being furnished with an information copy of this LHM, as is the U. S. Secret Service, Mobile, Alabama.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 13, 1969

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

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   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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PROPOSED MARCH BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, JUNE 17 - 24, 1969

RICHARD BOONE

[redacted] advised on June 6, 1969, that an application for a permit to march was made by Richard C. Boone, Director, Alabama Action Committee, and Coordinator of Poor People's Campaign, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) for a march in Montgomery on June 16 and 17, 1969, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Estimated number of persons to attend was listed as 1700. Purpose of the march is "to point up and end poverty in our City and State, redress of grievances of the poor people.

[redacted] advised on June 10, 1969, that the permit had been issued by the City for the march along the described route set forth in the application. b7D
[redacted] further advised on June 12, 1969, that no request had been received by the City of Montgomery to withdraw the permit or an application for a permit to hold a march on June 24 and 25, 1969.

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PROPOSED MARCH BY SOUTHERN
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TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA,
JUNE 17 -24, 1969

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On June 11, 1969, [redacted] Capitol Trailways Bus Company, Lee Street, Montgomery, Alabama, advised that an inquiry was received concerning chartering four or five buses for June 24, 1969, to transport those participating in the Poor People's Campaign from Montgomery to Birmingham, Alabama.

On June 12, 1969, [redacted] b1D

[redacted] both advised that leaflets were passed out on Wednesday night, June 11, 1969, at a meeting of about 35 to 40 people at the 23rd Street Baptist Church, 525 22nd Street, Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama. This leaflet states as follows:

" S. C. L. C. 1969 2nd Chapter
of the Poor Peoples Campaign,
Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, President
will be in your town."

This leaflet set forth the following itinerary:

June 17 Leave Anniston, arrive Pell City
June 18 Leave Pell City, arrive Birmingham
June 19 Leave Birmingham, arrive Alabaster
June 20 Leave Alabaster, arrive Centerville
June 21 Leave Centerville, arrive Clanton
June 22 Leave Clanton, arrive Prattville
June 23 Leave Prattville, arrive Montgomery

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PROPOSED MARCH BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, JUNE 17 - 24, 1969

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June 24 Great March on State Capitol
Ride to Poor Peoples Land-Grab
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June 25 Poor Peoples Land-Grab Plant-In

Above information has been furnished to

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On June 13, 1969, [redacted] b7D mentioned previously, advised that the permit requested for the march on June 16 and 17, 1969, has been withdrawn and a new request submitted for a permit to march on June 23 and 24, 1969.

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FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-11017) (P)

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) MARCH FROM GRENADA, MISS., TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, 6/9-16/69
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AGENCY: CRD, ~~RSF~~, IIU, ~~SS~~, CD, ACSI, OSI, SS, HEW
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ReJNtel 6/12/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of an LHM with one copy to Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis, and Milwaukee.

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Jackson, Mississippi 39205

June 13, 1969

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) MARCH FROM GRENADA, MISSISSIPPI, TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 9 - 16, 1969

The Poor People's march spent the night of June 11, 1969, at Durant, Mississippi, in local Negroes' homes. At approximately 10:00 p.m. June 11, 1969, a group of some 200 Negroes comprised of marchers and local Negroes demonstrated at the Holmes County Hospital, District Two, regarding the lack of medical treatment for six Negro children marchers who allegedly had some skin disorder. The doctor advised the group he would treat the children at 10:00 a.m. June 12, 1969. The group was led by R. B. Cottonreader, Negro male, Project Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

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[redacted] Durant, Mississippi, advised the children did not appear for treatment at 10:00 a.m. June 12, 1969, but were treated at approximately 3:00 p.m. June 12, 1969. After four children were treated, the doctor was told his bill would not be honored and the physician did not treat the remaining two children.

U. S. Department of Justice representative William Miller, Atlanta, Georgia, arrived on the scene and advised that the doctor's bill would "work itself out". The doctor treated all six children for minor skin disorder.

At 3:30 p.m. June 12, 1969, Father James E. Groppi, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, arrived at the church in Durant occupied by the Negro marchers. Groppi met with march leader

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R. B. Cottonreader and Groppi said he would attend the rally during the evening of June 12, 1969, to be held at a local Negro church in Durant, Mississippi. b7C b7D [redacted]

The marchers have made no apparent preparations to depart and are expected to remain at Durant, Mississippi, the night of June 12, 1969. The march, led by Cottonreader, had previously arrived in Durant at 2:30 p.m. June 11, 1969.

The ten demands reportedly to be presented to Federal Government officials are as follows:

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) MARCH FROM GRENADA, MISSISSIPPI, TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 9 - 16, 1969

The Poor People's Campaign (Chapter 2) makes the following demands upon the Administration, the Congress, and the Country on behalf of the black, white, Mexican-American, Puerto Ricans, and Indian poor:

(1) That hunger be wiped out in America now. All persons with income of less than $3,000 per year should be provided free food stamps, a minimum of 2½ billion dollars additional monies for fiscal year 1970 should be immediately appropriated in order in insure an adequate diet to every needy person.

(2) That an adequate Federal standard of welfare be immediately implemented. And that legislation be enacted to guarantee an annual income above the proverty level for every poor person. We also demand immediate repeal of the freeze of AFDC recipients and we demand the mandatory adoption by states of welfare systems to unemployed fathers.

(3) That a comprehensive jobs bill be adopted to provide three million new jobs in the private and public sectors for the unemployed. We also strongly demand that the Federal Government effectively enforce Executive Order 11246 and stop spending billions of Federal tax dollars annually to foster racial segregation and discrimination through Federal contacts.

(4) That every poor child be provided a quality education. And that Title I and other education funds be appropriated on an equal basis to white and black, rich and poor; that HEW insure that local school districts comply with Title VI by completely ending the dual school system by the Fall of 1969.

(5) That the Viet Nam War be ended promptly and that the rising military expenditures be drasticly cut back so that desperately needed funds can be shifted to the crying domestic needs that are tearing this Nation apart. We also demand that the projected ABM expenditures be abandoned and that the military draft be changed so as not to discriminate against the poor.

(6) Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the National Labor Relations Act be expended to cover employment by state and local governments and private non-profit institutions and that the rights of public employees and farm workers be protected by collective bargaining.

(7) That full appropriations originally authorized be provided for the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968. And that a housing trust fund be established which will guarantee a continuous supply of descent housing for the poor and the prompt and orderly reconstruction of our cities and rural areas. That fair housing laws be vigorously implemented to provide true housing choice for the poor and for Americans now deprived of such choice because of skin color or race.

(8) That a National Health Program for the poor be implemented.

(9) That 18 year olds be granted the right to vote.

(10) That increases in public assistance benefits and social security benefits be based on the cost of living index. And that fundamental tax reform measures be enacted to redistribute the burden the poor and the non-poor carry under the present discriminatory tax system.

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[redacted] Jackson, Mississippi, advised on June 13, 1969, that Governor John Bell Williams of Mississippi will not see any delegation from SCLC regarding the demands when they arrive in Jackson at the State Capitol on June 16, 1969.

There has been no press coverage of the march in Durant, Mississippi.

Local officials, Military Intelligence, Office of Special Investigations, and Secret Service are aware of all developments.

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FROM MOBILE 157-3166

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ACTIVITY, POOR PEOPLES MARCH, SHELBY AND BIBB COUNTIES ALABAMA, JUNE TWENTY SIXTYNINE. RM.

DEMONSTRATORS AT SELMA, ALABAMA, WHO WERE ARRESTED ON JUNE TWENTY TWO SIXTYNINE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED MARCH TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA WERE RELEASED ON THERE OWN RECOGNIZANCE BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STIPULATION THEY WOULD LEAVE TOWN. ALL WERE RELEASED AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT P.M. CDT. THEY INDICATED THERE INTENTION TO GO TO PRATTVILLE, ALABAMA, BUT SUBSEQUENTLY DEPARTED FOR BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA IN TWO RYDER RENTAL TRUCKS AND TWO AUTOMOBILES. ACCORDING TO [redacted] b7D [redacted] THE DEMONSTRATIONS AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA FOR JUNE TWENTY THREE - TWENTY FOUR NEXT HAVE BEEN CANCELLED. LOCAL AND STATE AUTHORITIES WERE ON THE SCENE.

ADMINISTRATIVE: RE MOTEL FOUR THIRTY SEVEN PM THIS DATE. 100-438794-✓

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ACTIVITY, POOR PEOPLES MARCH, SHELBY AND BIBB COUNTIES ALABAMA, JUNE TWENTY SIXTYNINE. RM.

AT APPROXIMATELY ONE PM JUNE TWENTYTWO INSTANT A GROUP OF FIFTY SEVEN NEGROES, MALE AND FEMALES LEFT SCLC HEADQUARTERS SELMA, ALABAMA AND PROCEEDED TOWARD THE DOWNTOWN AREA MARCHING ONE AND TWO ABREAST ON SIDEWALK. THE GROUP TURNED AT THE FRONT OF THE EDMUND PETTUS BRIDGE AND PROCEEDED EAST ON WATER AVENUE. THEY WERE REPEATEDLY WARNED TO OBEY TRAFFIC SIGNALS BY ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE ROBERT MELTON AND DISREGARDED HIS INSTRUCTIONS. THE GROUP PROCEEDED DOWN WATER AVENUE TO TWO THOUSAND BLOCK, APPROXIMATELY FOUR MILES FROM POINT OF ORIGIN, WHERE THEY BEGAN MARCHING IN THE STREET. AT THIS POINT AT APPROXIMIATELY TWO PM THEY WERE ADVISED TO CEASE THIS ACTIVITY AND WHEN THEY DID NOT COMPLY were PLACED UNDER ARREST BY ACOP MELTON. HE WAS ASSISTED BY OFFICERS OF SELMA PD, DALLAS CO., SO AND AST. THE GROUP were TAKEN TO SELMA CITY JAIL JUN 28 1969 WHERE THIRTY THREE ADULTS were BOOKED FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND BLOCKING TRAFFIC. APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN JUVENILES, FIFTEEN YEARS AND YOUNGER were RELEASED AS WELL AS TWO NEGRO WOMEN WHO WERE RELEASED TO CARE FOR THEM. THE ARREST WAS ORDERLY AND NO INCIDENTS OR VIOLENCE OCCURED. END PAGE ONE

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THE LEADER OF MARCH JOSEPH HAMMONDS, THREE ZERO FOUR ZERO CAFFEY DR. MONTGOMERY, ALA WAS ARRESTED. HAMMONDS GAVE HIS EMPLOYMENT AS SCLC.

ANDRED HOOKER, ANOTHER LEADER OF GROUP AND APPROXIMATELY TEN OTHER NEGROS MALE AND FEMALES WHO WERE FOLLOWING MARCH IN PRIVATE CARS AND TWO RYDER RENTAL TRUCKS WERE NOT ARRESTED. THE MAJORITY OF ~~THEM~~ Those ARRESTED GAVE ADDRESSES IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA AREA. ALL OF ~~THEM~~ Those ARRESTED WERE HELD IN LIEU OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR BOND. LT. CHARLES MC MILLIAN, SELMA PD ADVISED THAT THE JUVENILLES WHO WERE ARRESTED WERE RELEASED AND THAT ADULTS WHO WERE NOT ARRESTED ~~HAS~~ have RETURNED TO SCLC HEADQUARTERS IN SELMA AND FURTHER PLANS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME.

ADMINISTRATIVE: RE MOTEL TWO FORTY AM THIS DATE.

THE MARCH AND ARREST WERE OBSERVED BY BUAGENTS. ACTIVITY BEING FOLLOWSSED [redacted] AST. LHM FOLLOWS. 670

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (100-10241)

SUBJECT: POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN - 1969
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
RACIAL MATTERS

Re: Birmingham airtel to the Director, 6/6/69;
Louisville airtel to the Director, 6/13/69.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Richmond, Virginia
June 23, 1969

RE: POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN - 1969
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On June 23, 1969, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised this Bureau that [redacted]

It was decided by the leaders to abandon the Poor People's Campaign - 1969, due to the tense racial atmosphere throughout the country.

A characterization of the SCLC is attached hereto.

The source said it was a consensus of opinion during this meeting that "to follow through with the proposed marches would be like fanning a smouldering fire and invite violence and militant groups participation, which is contrary to the principles embraced by the deceased Dr. Martin Luther King."

The source said Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy, the current SCLC leader, has ridden the crest of King's popularity, which with the passing of time, has diminished to a standstill, and Abernathy has allowed himself to become involved in a labor situation from which predicament he apparently has no plausible solution. The source said Abernathy is a frustrated leader and his future success with the SCLC will be determined through the outcome of his involvement in the labor matter at Charleston, South Carolina. The source said that Abernathy lacks leadership ability and administrative control, and noted that a recent press release by his assistant Hosea Williams, regarding marches to the farms of Senators Richard Russell of Georgia and Harry Byrd, Jr., of Virginia, to dramatize the plight of the poor, was made by Williams without sanction of the SCLC, and these marches will not materialize.

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RE: POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN - 1969
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The source said SCLC will hold a conference during August, 1969, during which it is expected that Abernathy will be replaced and if Dr. King's widow attends and exercises her influence, the new SCLC leader will probably be Jesse Jackson, who currently administers the "Bread Basket Campaign" and as a former close friend and worker with Dr. King, SCLC will continue to embrace the non-violent policy, as in the past. The source said without Mrs. King's influence, the SCLC's leadership will probably go to Hosea Williams, who is currently an aide to Abernathy and has counseled him to employ a more militant approach in demonstrations and racial matters.

The source said in the event the latter occurs, the respectable area representatives and followers of Dr. King's non-violent policy which make up the framework of the SCLC, will probably disassociate themselves with SCLC, throwing the organization open to militant leadership and domination.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-3660)

SUBJECT: COMMEMORATION OF THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
4/4/69
RM
Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Re Atlanta airtel and LHM, 3/20/69, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and eight copies of an LHM, and for each other recipient one copy of LHM, suitable for dissemination.

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APPENDIX

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

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The November 19, 1960 issue of "The Richmond Times-Dispatch" reported that approximately sixty Negro church, professional and lay leaders throughout Virginia, met on November 18, 1960 in Petersburg, Virginia and organized the Virginia Christian Leadership Conference (VCLC) for the purpose of "bringing about civil rights for all."

It was pointed out that VCLC is an affiliate of the SCLC of Atlanta, Georgia.

The purpose of SCLC was reported to be "redeem the soul of America by creating the beloved community through organization, by consent of population, for the purpose of creative protest by education, training, developing leadership based on Christian non-violent principles."

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS)

A source has advised that the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. From an initial ideological posture of "participatory democracy," the current line of the national leadership reveals an adherence to Marxism-Leninism. Michael Klonsky, National Secretary, in March, 1969, called for the building of a revolutionary Marxist-Leninist movement. The program of SDS has moved from involvement in civil rights struggles to an anti-Vietnam war position and finally to its present advocacy of an anti-imperialist line, linking up the oppressed peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America, with the black liberation movement in the United States. China, Vietnam and Cuba are regarded as countries which are leading the world-wide struggles against United States imperialism. On the other hand, SDS regards the Soviet Union as an imperialist power and does not support the policies of that country.

SDS maintains a National Office in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois. Its official paper "New Left Notes" reflects the line of the national leadership and program adopted at meetings of the National Council and National Interim Committee (NIC). Three national officers and a NIC of eleven members are elected each year during a June National Convention.

SDS Regional Offices and university and college chapters elect delegates to National Council meetings wherein program and ideology are debated, but each Region and chapter is autonomous in nature and is free to carry out independent policy and programs reflective of local conditions.

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Atlanta, Georgia

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

June 25, 1969

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Title COMMEMORATION OF THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JUNIOR APRIL 4, 1969

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Memorandum prepared at Atlanta, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-3166) (P)

SUBJECT: PROPOSED MARCH BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, AND WASHINGTON, D. C., BEGINNING JUNE 2, 1969

Re Mobile teletypes of 6/23/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM, with 2 copies of FD-376, setting forth activities of marchers who were to have participated in a proposed march on June 23-24, 1969, at Montgomery, Alabama. Copy of LHM is also furnished Birmingham. Dissemination is also being made to interested intelligence agencies locally.

The march and arrests of 6/22/69 were observed by SA [redacted], SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] of the Selma, Ala., RA.

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These will be indexed in Mobile files and furnished to the Bureau.

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AGENCY: CRD, [redacted], IIU, [redacted], CD, ACSI, OSI, 55

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 26, 1969

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior:
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)
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Mobile, Alabama
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PROPOSED MARCH BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, AND WASHINGTON, D.C., BEGINNING JUNE 2, 1969

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On June 21, 1969, [redacted] Selma, Alabama, advised that on that date at approximately 3:30 P.M., approximately fifty Negroes departed the First Baptist Church, Centreville, Alabama, enroute to Selma, Alabama. He advised that these Negroes were riding in two Ryder rental trucks and three private automobiles. He further advised that the group arrived at SCLC headquarters, 802 First Avenue, Selma, Alabama, at 4:30 P.M. He said that he had observed several of the individuals from the group going back and forth into the office of [redacted]

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On June 21, 1969, [redacted] advised that he had contacted [redacted] who told him that the group, which was staying at the SCLC headquarters, was headed by Joseph Hammonds of SCLC. He said that he [redacted] was treating several individuals in the group for a food poisoning. He said that he had been advised that the group was to return to Centreville after he had finished treating them. At 11:30 P.M., [redacted] advised that the group would return to Centreville as soon as the tornado alerts were lifted for the Selma and Centreville areas.

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At 2:00 A.M., on June 22, 1969 [redacted] advised that the group would stay at 802 First Avenue until later in the morning of June 22, 1969, at which time they planned to depart for Centreville. On June 22, 1969 [redacted] advised that he had observed the group throughout the night

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and that there had been no incidents. He also advised that attempts to contact the leaders of the group and determine their plans had been negative inasmuch as the leaders would not discuss what their plans were.

At approximately 1:00 P.M., a group of 57 Negro males and females left SCLC headquarters, 802 First Avenue, Selma, Alabama, and proceeded toward the downtown area, marching one and two abreast on the sidewalk. The group was followed by the two Ryder rental trucks and other members of the contingent in private automobiles. The group proceeded down First Avenue in Selma onto Broad Street and marched from Broad Street to the foot of the Edmond Pettus Bridge where they turned east on Water Avenue. Numerous times during the march, Assistant Chief of Police Robert Melton advised the group to obey traffic signals and they disregarded his instructions. The group proceeded down Water Avenue to the 2000 block of Water Avenue, a point approximately four miles from the point of origin of the march, where they began marching in the street. At this point, approximately 2:00 P.M., Assistant Chief of Police Melton advised them that they should cease this activity and when his instructions were disregarded, he placed them under arrest. He was assisted by officers of the Selma Police Department, Dallas County Sheriff's Office and Alabama State Troopers. The group was brought to the Selma City Jail where 33 adults were booked on charges of disorderly conduct and blocking traffic. Approximately 15 juveniles, 15 years of age and under, were released in the custody of two Negro females from the group who were also released to care for the children. The rest of the group was orderly and no incidents of violence occurred.

[redacted] advised that the leader of the march identified himself as Joseph Hammonds, who gave his address as 3040 Caffey Drive, Montgomery, Alabama, and he advised that he was employed by SCLC. [redacted] advised that another leader of the group was Andrew Hooker and that he understood that Hooker was from SCLC headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. [redacted] also advised that approximately ten other Negro males and females, who were following the march in private cars and Ryder rental trucks, were not arrested. He advised that the majority of those arrested gave addresses in the Birmingham, Alabama, area. He said that all those arrested were being held in lieu of $100 bond.

PROPOSED MARCH BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) TO
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, AND WASHINGTON, D. C.,
BEGINNING JUNE 2, 1969

At 7:30 P.M., on June 23, 1969, [redacted] advised that he had conferred with Albert Turner, Field Secretary of SCLC, State of Alabama, and several local Negroes and that he and the group had agreed that he would allow the 33 individuals arrested to sign their own bonds if the group agreed to leave the Selma area. At approximately 8:00 P.M., June 23, 1969, those arrested were released and joined the individuals who had not been arrested from the original group which arrived from Centreville on June 21, 1969. The entire group loaded into the Ryder rental trucks and two private vehicles and departed Selma, Alabama, enroute to Birmingham, Alabama.

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[redacted] advised that the proposed Poor People's March scheduled for Montgomery, Alabama, on June 23-24, 1969, had been canceled and that the individuals in the group which was arrested on the afternoon of June 23, 1969, in Selma, had been a contingent which was to participate in the march in Montgomery. He advised that inasmuch as the demonstrations in Montgomery had been canceled, [redacted]

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-NEW)

POSSIBLE RACIAL DEMONSTRATION
KENNEDY SPACE CENTER,
JULY 16, 1969
RACIAL MATTER

Re Louisville teletype to Bureau dated 6/12/69.

Re communication was entitled Reported Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Activity - Racial Matter. (Bufile 100-438794).

This communication indicated that HOSEA WILLIAMS, SCLC, indicated on June 11, 1969 that SCLC was planning to demonstrate at Cape Kennedy on July 16, 1969.

For the information of the Bureau and all receiving offices Apollo 11 is scheduled for launch 7-16-69. Purpose of this launch is to land U. S. astronauts on the moon.

At this time it is expected that President NIXON, Vice President AGNEW, numerous dignitaries, both foreign and domestic, will be present. The entire Ambassadorial Corps

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in Washington, D. C. has been invited, including the Russians and will be present on 7/16/69. It is further expected that 10,000 members of the Press Corps will also be present. In addition, one million visitors are expected to witness the launch from the surrounding area in Brevard County, Fla.

In view of the above, Tampa feels as if it is imperative that all advance information regarding SCLC activities in Brevard County, Fla. should be promptly made available to officials at the Kennedy Space Center as well as local law enforcement agencies. It is therefore requested of each recipient office that any information that comes to their attention regarding a possible SCLC demonstration at Cape Kennedy be promptly submitted to the Tampa Office for proper dissemination.

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From: Director, FBI (100-438794)-2766

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN
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ReMMlet 7/7/69.

Enclosed for New York are two copies of relet.

In connection with racial matters intelligence and because of certain elements of truth in the information, the Bureau feels that certain inquiries are justified in this matter.

If it has not been already determined during the interview, Miami should determine the address of [redacted] and set forth a lead to have him interviewed concerning the information furnished by [redacted] If her identity is to be protected, or if she has furnished the information confidentially to the Bureau, the office contacting [redacted] should be instructed to paraphrase its inquiries to protect the identity of [redacted]

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Airtel to SACs, Atlanta et al
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Chicago should furnish to local authorities the information regarding the [redacted] making clear the limitations on the reliability of the source and submit any information developed from contacts [redacted] to verify or refute the allegations about the [redacted] b7D

WFO furnish local police the information about [redacted] dealing in dope and stolen credit cards and identify [redacted] Also the name [redacted] allegedly frequently used by the SCLC on fraudulent credit cards, may be identical with former Special Agent [redacted] last assigned to WFO. Contact [redacted] and ascertain if to his knowledge his name has been used in connection with fraudulent credit cards and, if so, what information he has about it. b7C

Baltimore identify [redacted] b7C

As indicated above, review of the information furnished by [redacted] indicates that her information is woven around a framework of truth and therefore must be checked out. Atlanta, the office ofoorigin in captioned case, will coordinate these inquiries. After the completion of the above inquiries, Atlanta should evaluatèe the information received and make recommendations regarding further investigation in this matter and/or dissemination. b7D

All offices will note that on page 117, Part III of the Handbook, the Department has instructed that no investigation or presentation of credit card cases should be made. Any violations under the Bureau's jurisdiction, however, including Security of Government Employees matters, should be handled pursuant to existing instructions.

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[redacted] She has been characterized by representatives of various agencies, with whom she has had contact, as less than reliable and she has furnished false information to the Bureau in the past. Previous instructions to the field called for careful screening of information furnished by her before dissemination. Therefore, Miami submitted the information from her in a letter, letting further action up to the discretion of recipient offices. Definite instructions are being given the field in this matter to conduct appropriate inquiries to ascertain if a full and detailed investigation of the information is warranted.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-3669 & 100-6670) (P)

SUBJECT: MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL,
MEDICAL COLLEGE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA
PICKETING BY GROUP ATTEMPTING
TO ORGANIZE NEGRO UNION
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AGENCY: CRD, IIU, ACSI, CSI
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Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and ten copies, for Columbia two copies, and for New York three copies, of LHM prepared at Atlanta, dated and captioned as above, and suitable for dissemination.

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JACK O'DELL

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Title MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL,
MEDICAL COLLEGE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA
PICKETING BY GROUP ATTEMPTING TO
ORGANIZE NEGRO UNION;
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

Character RACIAL MATTER; INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference Atlanta memorandum, dated July 9, 1969, and captioned as above.

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Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and eight copies of an LHM and for New York four copies of LHM, suitable for dissemination.

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It is noted the June, 1969, issue of "Soul Force" in its masthead on Page 2, identifies Atlanta as the "Official Journal of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference". Also on Page 2, the names of SCLC "Directors" are set forth.

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COMMUNIST INFLUENCE

Included among these names are those of Stanley Levison and Harry Wachtel.

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam, and to "radically transform" the university community, and provide for its complete control by students. Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us." At the June, 1965, SDS National Convention, an anticommunist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "New Left Notes," the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some communists in SDS and they are welcome. The national headquarters of this organization as of July 24, 1968, was located in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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HARRY WACHTEL

HARRY WACHTEL is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, King Point, Long Island, New York.

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

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THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following information concerning "The National Lawyers Guild:"

1. Cited as a Communist front.

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311, on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149).

2. Cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents." (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)

3. "To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the *** National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91).

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GANDHI SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The Gandhi Society for Human Rights was formed for the purpose of developing a philosophy and technique of non-violent civil rights protests. It is a non-action organization and makes no attempt to influence legislation nor participate in demonstrations. The Society furnishes legal assistance in certain civil rights cases. The organization was incorporated June 14, 1962.

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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-3852) (P)

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE RACIAL DEMONSTRATION,
KENNEDY SPACE CENTER,
7/16/69
RM

AGENCY: AEC, CIA, SS
HOW FORM: INV CLASSA
DATE FORM: JUL 15 1969
BY: 144136

Re Atlanta airtel and LHM, 7/8/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and 9 copies, for Tampa 4 copies, and for New York one copy of LHM, dated and captioned as above, prepared at Atlanta, and suitable for dissemination.

Also enclosed for Tampa is one photo of HOSEA WILLIAMS, copied from page 20 of the 1968 SCLC Tenth Anniversary Convention brochure; and one photograph (with beard) taken 1968. WILLIAMS is described as follows:

Name	HOSEA LORENZA WILLIAMS
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Date of birth	1/5/26
Place of birth	Attapulgas, Ga.
Height	5'9"
Weight	208 pounds

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(1 - 100-6670) (CIRM)
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AT 157-3852

Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark

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For the information of Tampa, OFFENBURGER is a w/m; born 2/27/34; 5'10"; 155 lbs.; hair -- brown; eyes -- brown; build -- slender. A photograph of OFFENBURGER is not available.

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JACK O'DELL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442529)

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (100-23443) (P)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
(CIRM)
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OO: NY

Re Columbia letter to the Director dated June 29, 1969, concerning demonstrations at the Medical College Hospital and Medical College of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM entitled, "Organization of Workers, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland - Communist Influence in Racial Matters." Two copies each of the LHM are being forwarded with this airtel to New York, Philadelphia, Columbia and Atlanta.

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Detailed informant reports will be submitted to interested offices.

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Re: ORGANIZATION OF WORKERS,
JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL,
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND;
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

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The following is a clipping from page C-16 of the Baltimore, Maryland Evening Sun, concerning the organization of hospital workers in Baltimore, Maryland.

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AGENCY: CRD, ISD, IIU, WFO, CD, ACSI, OSI, SS
HOW FORM: 1cc - Room S36
DATE FORM:
BY: 1cc - CV

Re WFO teletype, 7/13/69, captioned "COMINFIL - SCLC; SM-C".

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Two copies each are being furnished Atlanta and WFO.

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authorities have been advised. The Special Agent referred to in the LHM is SA [redacted]

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[redacted] Eastland Plantation, Doddsville, Miss., and Sunflower County [redacted] were advised on 7/15/69 that this Bureau had received information that members of the SCLC staff including HOSEA WILLIAMS and Reverend RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY were expected to attend a plant-in on the Eastland Plantation on or after 7/20/69.

LEADS:

JACKSON

AT DODDSVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

Will follow further developments in this matter.

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POSSIBLE PLANT-IN, SENATOR
JAMES O. EASTLAND'S PLANTATION,
DODDSVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION -
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE

[redacted] Eastland Plantation, Doddsville, Mississippi, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on July 15, 1969, that he had received no information which would indicate that a plant-in on the Eastland Plantation is being planned in the Doddsville area. He advised that he recalls the speech made in Jackson, Mississippi, recently by Roland Betts, a Negro male, age 25, in which statements were made that a plant-in was to be staged on the senator's plantation. The speaker indicated that beans and other vegetables would be planted. b7D

[redacted] advised that a National Broadcasting Company camera crew was on the Eastland Plantation a few days ago but that this group had received permission to be on the plantation from Senator Eastland. He advised that he had no information

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that would indicate that their being on the plantation had any connection with a possible plant-in.

[redacted] advised on July 15, 1969, [redacted] other sources throughout Sunflower County in an effort to determine if and when a plant-in is to take place on the Eastland Plantation. He advised that to date information received indicates that no local Negroes will participate in such a demonstration. He advised that Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer, active civil rights worker and Negro politician from Ruleville, Mississippi, recently advised a Sunflower attorney that she will not participate in a plant-in on private property. He advised that she has informed other members of the Negro community in Ruleville that they should not trespass on private property.

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[redacted] He advised that it is his understanding that representatives of the Eastland Plantation will advise any demonstrators that, should they be seeking employment, they will be furnished applications and employed as vacancies occur.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FIRE DEPARTMENT, ADVISED JULY ONE INSTANT, THAT THE FIRE WAS REPORTED AT THE ABOVE OFFICE ON JUNE THIRTY LAST AT SEVEN ZERO NINE P.M. A PERSON OR PERSONS GAINED ENTRANCE TO A SECOND FLOOR OFFICE THROUGH A REAR WINDOW AND SET A FIRE IN THAT OFFICE APPARENTLY FROM SOME ROLLED UP PAPERS. THE DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT THIRTYFIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS, A THOUSAND DOLLARS DAMAGE TO THE CONTENTS OF THE OFFICE AND TWENTYFIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS DAMAGE TO THE BUILDING. THERE WERE NO PERSONAL INJURIES. [redacted] ADVISED THAT SOMEONE bnd HAD DEFECATED ON A DESK IN THE OFFICE. HE SAID THAT THE IDENTIFICATION OF SOMEONE AT THE SCENE OF THE FIRE HAD BEEN FOUND AND THIS HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR INVESTIGATION.

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WFO WILL MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH THE INTELLIGENCE DIVISION METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE MPD TO ASCERTAIN THE RESULTS OF THE POLICE INVESTIGATION OF THE FIRE.

WFO WILL SUBMIT LHM MEMO UPON RECEIPT OF THIS INFORMATION FROM THE MPD. P.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 7/1/69

Attached relates that a fire causing an estimated $3,500 in damages occurred in the Washington, D. C., Office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Arson is suspected and there was considerable damage to the office as well as to files and records. [redacted]

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Copy of attached sent Inter-Division Information Unit of Department. Pertinent portions of attached will be included in a teletype summary to White House and other interested agencies.

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Re WFO airtel, 6/4/69,
Atlanta airtel, 6/13/69.

Enclosed herewith for Bureau are 11 copies of LHM for appropriate dissemination. Local dissemination has been made to NISO, MIG, OSI, Secret Service, and U. S. Attorney.

During the period 6/2/69 to 7/1/69 liaison was maintained with the Norfolk and Portsmouth PDs, 109th MIG, and NISO, Norfolk, concerning the possibility of the Poor People's Campaign being active in the Norfolk Division.

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Information copies are being furnished to Atlanta and Richmond because of their interest in this matter.

No further action is contemplated by the Norfolk Division; however, appropriate racial sources have been alerted to promptly advise if they develop information suggesting any activities of this program on a national or local level.

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RE: POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN - 1969
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On June 10, 1969, [redacted] advised that Reverend Ralph Reavis, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in Portsmouth, appeared on a local television station asking for volunteers to participate in the Poor People's Campaign. Reavis wanted only those who would "lay down their lives" and stated that the participants would demand that Congress give free food stamps to each person earning less than $3,000 per year.

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[redacted]c Reverend Ralph Reavis remarked that he wants only able bodied persons to represent Portsmouth in the national caravan in the Poor People's March to the White House at the end of June. He wanted people who would resist police harassment and lie down in front of automobiles and would be willing to serve full jail sentences if convicted of charges arising out of such march.

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[redacted]c cognizant of racial activities in Norfolk and Portsmouth, advised that he has received literature from SCLC Headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. He stated that he has received no recent literature suggesting that the Poor People's Campaign for 1969 would actually be in effect.

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[redacted]c Reverend Ralph Reavis remarked that there would be a Poor People's March in both Portsmouth and Norfolk, Virginia, but he did not give the details or dates on which such march would occur.

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On June 30, 1969 [redacted] b7D

[redacted] advised respectively that no parade permits had been granted to the SCLC for marches in Norfolk and Portsmouth.

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A characterization of the SCLC is contained in the appendix of this memorandum.

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APPENDIX

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

The November 19, 1960, issue of "The Richmond Times-Dispatch" reported that approximately sixty Negro church, professional and lay leaders throughout Virginia met on November 18, 1960, in Petersburg, Virginia, and organized the Virginia Christian Leadership Conference (VCLC) for the purpose of "bringing about civil rights for all."

It was pointed out that VCLC is an affiliate of the SCLC of Atlanta, Georgia.

The purpose of SCLC was reported to "redeem the soul of America by creating the beloved community through organization, by consent of population, for the purpose of creative protest by education, training, developing leadership based on Christian non-violent principles."

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DEMONSTRATION AND ACTIVITY OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA JULY THIRTEEN INSTANT. RACIAL MATTER.

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST. ADVISED THAT SCLC HELD RALLY THIS DATE AT PARK INDIANAPOLIS TWO FIFTEEN P.M. RALLY ATTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY SIX HUNDRED PERSONS, SEVENTY FIVE PER CENT NEGRO. SEVERAL LOCAL MINISTERS SPOKE TO GROUP RE POVERTY AND DISCRIMINATION.

FOLLOWING RALLY APPROXIMATELY FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY PERSONS THEN MARCHED TO GOVERNOR EDGAR C. WHITCOMB RESIDENCE WHERE THEY WERE PERMITTED TO GATHER ON THE MANSION GROUNDS. GOV. WHITCOMB NOT AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH GROUP. MARCHERS DISPERSED SIX THIRTY P.M. NO ARRESTS OR INCIDENTS OCCURRED. MARCH AND RALLY ORDERLY.

[redacted] ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH MIG, FORT BENJAMIN HARRSION, [redacted]SS, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, AND USA SDI, ADVISED.

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